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## CHATER WILL CASE.

A COMPANY APPOINTMENT QUESTIONED.

### MR. J. T. BAGRAM APPELLANT.

Are Necessary Qualifications Complied With?

LAND INVESTMENT CO. PERMANENT MANAGING DIRECTORSHIP.

The alleged appointment by Sir Paul Chater of Mr. J. T. Bagram as one of the "Permanent and Managing Directors" of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., in succession to Sir Paul after the latter's death was the subject of an appeal before the Full Court this morning (the Full Court consisting of Sir H. C. Gollan, Sir Peter Grah and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., on behalf of Mr. J. T. Bagram, and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on behalf of the Official Trustee of Bengal, appealed against a decision of Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

Respondents were Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., the former being represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and the latter by Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

### A "COLOURABLE ATTEMPT"?

In the course of the case it was mentioned that one of the qualifications provided in the Memorandum of the Company for the necessary qualification of a Permanent and Managing Director was that such a person must be a senior representative in Hong Kong of any firm or corporation carrying on business in the Colony.

It was further stated by Sir H. C. Gollan that in the previous hearing (before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, from whose judgment the appeal is made), it was suggested on behalf of the now respondents that a Company called the Hong Kong Finance and Investment Company Ltd. had been founded by Mr. Bagram "merely as a colourable attempt to get qualification that had no existence in fact."

It was admitted by Mr. Potter (for appellant) that the main object of the formation of the Company was to qualify and, queried counsel, "why should he not do so?"

His Lordship commented that Mr. Bagram was entitled to do it and the Court was entitled to consider the circumstances of the case and to come to the conclusion whether the Company was carrying on business or whether it was merely an attempt to get over a difficulty.

#### Mr. Potter Opens.

In opening the case, Mr. Potter said that the appeal was from a decision of Mr. Justice J. R. Wood concerning the appointment by the late Sir P. Chater of Mr. Bagram as Permanent and Managing Director of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. The three points covered would be (1) whether alternative appointments were good (2) whether Mr. Bagram was qualified and (3) whether, in any event, Mr. Bagram was duly appointed.

Quoting from the will and codicil of the late Sir Paul, counsel said that Messrs. E. D. Sassoon were appointed in the first instance on certain terms and conditions, then there was the appointment of Sir Robert Ho Tung on certain conditions and failing acceptance or in the event of their renunciation, there was the third appointment of Mr. Bagram.

It was necessary, in deciding the first point, said counsel, to go direct to the Memorandum of the Company. It would at once be seen that the power of appointment was of extreme importance to the Company because it was specifically dealt with in the Memorandum and it was extremely doubtful whether the Court would alter that Memorandum even on the application of the Company itself.

His Lordship: I can understand that being insisted on by Sir Paul as it would then be impossible to alter it by resolution.

#### Confidence In Sir Paul.

Counsel continued that it was manifest why the Company gave Sir Paul the power therein specified. They knew he was a person vitally interested in matters which concerned a Company of this kind and they had, no doubt, absolute confidence in him as an advisor and that on his retirement or death he would appoint a person or persons who would be fit and suitable

for filling the appointment Sir Paul had himself filled during his lifetime.

Referring to the Memorandum of the Company, counsel said that the appointment of the Senior representative of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. as one of the Permanent and Managing Directors of the Company was therein provided "so long as they carry on business and have an office in the Colony." A right was given to Sir Paul, the other Permanent and Managing Director, during his temporary or permanent absence from the Colony, to appoint a successor or, in his will and codicil, in writing, to appoint a successor, such successor to be "a senior representative in the Colony of Hong Kong of any firm or corporation so long as such firm or corporation carry on business and with an office in the Colony."

The whole intention underlying the Memorandum, claimed counsel, was that Sir Paul should be given exactly the same power in his will as he held during his lifetime. Not only was Sir Paul empowered to appoint a nominee during his lifetime but, in the event of a nominee of his resigning, the power of appointment again arose. He could appoint as many times as the necessity arose. Similarly, there was power in the event of their ceasing to be a nominee of Sir Paul at any time after his death. The language used, claimed counsel was "extraordinary" if the intention was that Sir Paul by his will could appoint and that then and there his power ceased.

Right of Re-Appointment.  
In answer to His Lordship, counsel agreed that his claim was that Sir Paul could, in his lifetime, appoint three different people. If Sassoons renounced the power, or privilege, Sir Paul had the right to appoint again.

Referring to a passage in the Memorandum of the Company with reference to delay, counsel claimed that if there had been delay, it was the Company which was concerned. If any person was appointed he must, of course, be given time for making up his mind. The Memorandum must be construed reasonably.

In reply to Mr. Justice Wood, who drew counsel's attention to the provision for a nominee "duly appointed to act," counsel said that "duly appointed" meant a person who would satisfy the requirements of the Memorandum. An alternative appointment was not a "due appointment." It was a substitutional appointment.

Sir H. C. Gollan called attention to the provision in the will regarding the payment into the estate of everything Mr. Bagram received, as successor, and asked whether this did not affect the appointment.

Mr. Potter thought it did not and said he had not intended to argue this point which had been decided in his favour by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

His Lordship asked whether this would not go right to the root of the appointment. Someone might have been appointed who Sir Paul expected would pay this money into the estate, although that person might not be duly qualified.

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## STEAMBOAT CO.

Interesting Review By Chairman.

THIS YEAR'S PROSPECTS.

A Shareholder Praises Directors And Staff.

An interesting review of Canton River delta conditions was made by Mr. T. G. Weall (the chairman), when presiding at the 108th ordinary meeting of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., held in the company's office to-day. On this year's prospects, Mr. Weall said:—"provided conditions continue as at present, we can look forward to some return."

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, speaking as a shareholder praised the directors for their decision in matters relating to the company's accounts, and the staff for loyal work.

Supporting Mr. Weall were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. B. Stewart (directors) and Mr. John Arnold (secretary). Shareholders present were Mr. D. M. Goodall, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. Cheung Ching-po, Mr. Lo Kai-hong, Mr. W. E. Van Eps, Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

#### Profit on Working.

The secretary read the notice convening. The directors' report, accounts and auditors' certificate were taken as read. The chairman then read his address, as follows:—

The profit on working for the period under review including income from investments, rents, government grant, profit on the sale of a lighter and moorings amounts to \$347,832.89 from which has to be deducted cost of repairs, directors' and auditors' fees, interest and depreciation on the usual scale, leaving a net profit of \$78,182.48. We carried forward from previous account a deficit of \$246,985.33 and your directors recommend that transfers from reserves should be made to wipe off this deficit and leave a small credit balance of \$11,197.15 to carry forward to new account. Accordingly, \$100,000 has been taken from Equalisation of Dividend Fund and \$80,000 from Investment Fluctuation Account, reducing these accounts to \$50,000 and \$250,332.88 respectively.

#### "Taishan" Mortgage Repaid.

The value of investments show a reduction of \$137,189 on account of the sale of certain securities to enable us to repay the mortgage on s.s. "Taishan" and the sum transferred from Investment Fluctuation Account, namely \$80,000, approximately represents profit on realisation. The amount standing at credit of Investment Fluctuation Account still shows a reserve of fully 80 per cent. of your investments, which is ample considering the class of investments held.

With regard to the transfer of \$100,000 from Equalisation of Dividend Fund, you will, I feel sure, agree that it is better to appropriate a part of this reserve, thus enabling us to start a new year with a credit balance rather than carry forward a deficit.

#### Last Year's Suggestion.

Your directors regret that once again they are unable to recommend payment of a dividend, but provided conditions continue as at present, we can look forward to some return for account of the present year.

Before passing from the accounts, I would mention that, following the suggestions offered by a shareholder at the last annual meeting, the possibility of effecting economies in our office organization was fully considered and it was found that only a few minor economies were possible without impairing efficiency.

#### "Time Hardly Opportune."

It was also suggested that a saving of some \$30,000 might be effected by the appointment of a local shipping firm as General Agents. It has been felt that while the present unsettled conditions of trade exist, the time was hardly opportune to explore this suggestion.

Your fleet and property have been maintained in first class order and, while on this subject, I would like to mention Captain R. Innes, the China Navigation Co.'s Marine Superintendent, who has acted as

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## YENMEN PASS.

Peking Army Marching On Shansi.

NATIONALIST PREPARATIONS.

Five Divisions On One Side, Two On The Other.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A message from Nanking states that General Yen Hsi-shan (of Shansi province) reported yesterday on the outbreak of hostilities between the Shansi forces (allies of the Nationalists) and the Peking army in the vicinity of Yenmen Pass. Reinforcements from Taiyuanfu (capital of Shansi) are being rushed up in order to strengthen the Shansi defences against which the Peking army is preparing to launch an attack.

It is expected that heavy fighting will take place soon.—Reuter.

Mounted Troops.

Another cable from Shanghai says that the Peking Government has three divisions of infantry.

#### MORE RAIN.

N.E. winds, moderate, generally overcast, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

An anticyclone is still central over south Manchuria. Conditions over south China are uncertain. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

men and two divisions of mounted troops marching on Yenmen Pass, which is one of the defiles on the mountainous road into Shansi province.

The Shansi reinforcements referred to by Reuter are stated to be two divisions, according to the "Kung Shung Yat Po."

"Enemy Fabrication."

A Chinese report says that General Yen Hsi-shan has reported to Nanking the receipt of an inquiry from General Feng Yuhsiang (the "Christian General"), who is also an ally of the Nationalists, as to whether there is any truth in a rumour that a Japanese adviser of the Peking Government has been in Taiyuan.

#### STREET FIGHT.

Police Quell Riot In Tokyo.

Several police including two officers, were injured last night when a crowd estimated at over a thousand clashed with a strong detachment sent to watch a Proletarian Party meeting. The main trouble arose when the police, after suppressing several speakers, closed the doors and refused admittance to hundreds who wanted to enter.

Bricks and stones were freely used as missiles. Reinforcements of police had to be hastily rushed up before the infuriated mob would disperse. A number of persons are reported to be seriously injured and about 100 were arrested.—Reuter.

fu making peace overtures to General Yen Hsi-shan. Yen Hsi-shan denies the rumour and says that it is a "fabrication of the enemy."

#### Mobilisation Ordered.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The "Kuo Min" News Agency states that in view of the impending Nationalist offensive against the Peking Government along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the mobilisation of all the participating armies in preparation for the advance at a moment's notice.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek Respected? News from the Nationalist military headquarters at Nanking is that preparations for a new offensive are well under way. The 4th mobile column has been ordered to proceed to the front.

In connection with Chiang Kai-shek's appointment of General Tan Yen-kai as commander-in-chief of the 4th Route Nationalist Army in Wu-Han—as the basis of further consolidation of Nationalist forces—there are indications that Chiang Kai-shek will be expected, and Tan Yen-kai is said to be about to start from Nanking for Hankow.

## CUSTOMS CHANGES.

Nationalist Government Decision.

PETITION AND REPLY.

Shanghai Tributes Paid To Mr. F. W. Maze.

Further information about the changes in posts of Commissioners of the Chinese Maritime Customs, under orders from the Nationalist Government—the transfers being confined to ports in Nationalist territory—are now available. The "Shanghai Times" says:—

Mr. F. W. Maze, Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, and senior responsible official in the Customs service within Nationalist territory, has been instructed by the Customs Administration of the (Nationalist) Ministry of Finance, to postpone his furlough to England "pending settlement of various important Customs problems." This announcement was made in reply to a joint petition from the Chamber of Commerce and the Shipping Guild at Shanghai, who had requested that Mr. Maze be requested to stay here for the time being.

Navigators' Petition. In their petition to Mr. F. Chang, Director-General of the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance, the Chamber and the United Navigators' Association of Shanghai stated:—"Ever since his appointment to the present post, Mr. F. W. Maze, the Commissioner of Customs of Shanghai, has handled the work faithfully and efficiently."

In carrying out his duties, he always shows justice and fairness to all, much to the satisfaction of the commercial public. In matters concerning China's rights and integrity, Mr. Maze pays highest respect and takes most careful consideration. His record of management of harbour and navigation represents nothing but a result of wisely contemplated and skilfully executed plans.

Assistance Needed. "However, the merchants in Shanghai, particularly the navigation circles, are surprised to learn now that such a good and much appreciated official is about to take leave and return to his homeland. We all feel that, at this time, when many important problems relating to Customs administration are about to be solved, there should not be a change of personnel in the Customs service, lest a new hand would be at a loss as to how to tackle the task left behind. We therefore earnestly petition the Government to comply with the wishes of the people and to cause a postponement of Mr. Maze's leave so that all good works initiated by him can be carried on without interruption."

In reply, Mr. F. Chang stated:—"Your telegraphic petition has been received. With regard to the proposed furlough of Mr. F. W. Maze, the Shanghai Commissioner of Customs, the Customs Administration, acting under the orders of the Minister of Finance, officially instructed him some time ago to the effect that, pending settlement of various important Customs problems, he should not abruptly take leave without proper authorisation from Nanking, but continue his duties as usual. Petition has been forwarded to him as a reminder."

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## "RED MONEY."

FOR SWEDISH ORE MINERS.

Riga, Yesterday. The Red trade unions have sent a further 16,000 roubles to the strikers in the ore mining industry in Sweden, making a total of 75,000 roubles.

Wage disputes have been proceeding for some time in the Swedish ore mining and pulp industries.—Reuter.

## CINEMA FATALITY.

MANY KILLED IN COLLAPSE.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday. Many fatalities, mostly of women and children occurred at a collapse of a cinema at Curitiba, in the state of Parana. Thirteen bodies have been recovered.—Reuter.

## TO RESIGN.

O'MALLEY OF HANKOW "FAME."

### FRANC SPECULATIONS.

Foreign Office Under-Secretary Dismissed.

COMMANDER MAXSE TO BE SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

London, Yesterday.

Following the lawsuit connected with speculation in French francs in which it was revealed that high Civil Servants were involved, Mr. Baldwin appointed a Board of Enquiry.

In consequence of the Board's findings Sir A. Chamberlain has directed Mr. J. D. Gregory, assistant Under-Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs, to be dismissed; Commander Maxse to be severely reprimanded and forfeit three years' seniority.

Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley, negotiator of the famous Hankow agreement, who was also involved, is to be permitted to resign.

### SIR MILES LAMPSON.

Sir A. Chamberlain adds to the announcement a minute that he is glad to observe that serious as were the offences from a Service viewpoint, there was no question of corruption or the use of official information.

#### All Three Lost.

The report reveals that all three lost in franc speculations, Gregory about £20,000, Maxse over £3,000 and O'Malley over £100. Gregory in 1923 jointly speculated with Mrs. Dyne, wife of one of his ex-schoolfellows, till 1925, dealing approximately with 250,000,000 francs, after which Gregory speculated separately, involving over 40,000,000 francs.

#### The Initiator.

O'Malley initiated the whole business but his transactions were infinitely smaller and of shorter duration.

#### Baseless Accusation.

The notorious Zinovieff letter of October, 1924, was mentioned by the Board of Enquiry which recalls that on October 25, 1924, a letter addressed by the Foreign Office to the Soviet in connection with the Zinovieff letter was signed by Gregory "in the absence of the Secretary of State" and the circumstances of its dispatch and publication became the subject of an acute political controversy. There were suspicions that Gregory deliberately attempted to compromise Mr. MacDonald's government by "going behind MacDonald's back" a few days before the general election, simultaneously to serve his own financial ends.

The Board finds the accusation against Gregory baseless as the late Sir Eyre Crowe, permanent Under-Secretary of Foreign Office, decided to despatch the letter following instructions from MacDonald. Gregory's signature was a matter of routine.

#### Officials Censured.

The report says that by engaging in these transactions at all the three officials mentioned acted in a manner inconsistent with their obligations as Civil Servants. Information obtained from many sources led the Board of Enquiry to conclude that rumours of the many Civil Servants being involved in such transactions are groundless.

#### Sir M. Lampson.

The report refers to Sir M. W. Lampson buying jointly with his wife £1,000 worth of French francs in November, 1920, which he sold later at a profit of £135.

The Board of Enquiry state they regard such a purchase of foreign currency by a member of the Diplomatic Service as undesirable, even though it was a single transaction only and had nothing at all in common with the gamble in differences.—Reuter.

#### Press Agree.

The newspapers commend the promptitude of the Government's action in regard to the francs case and the courage and candour of the framers of the report.

They agree that the punishment of the officials concerned is none too severe, though the "Daily Telegraph" appears to find some extenuation in what it described as the inadequacy of salaries of

the higher officials of the Foreign Office.

While all commentators regret the revelations, it is thought the report amply vindicated the honourable traditions of the Civil Service.—Reuter.

[Earlier cables announced:—In the course of the Ironmonger-Dyne proceedings, it was stated that Mrs. Dyne was a friend of Mr. J. D. Gregory's mother. She was Mr. Gregory's secretary during the War.

The defendant, Mrs. Dyne, denied that she had acted in partnership with Mr. Gregory in currency transactions or that code telegrams were sent her through the Foreign Office when she was abroad. Her counsel, addressing the jury, described the suggestion as regards the code telegrams as "abominable, scandalous and utterly baseless."

Had Not a Half-penny. His Lordship had not intended to comment on the matter, which was one for the jury.

Mr. Justice Horridge, refusing a stay of execution, pointed out that the defendant (Mrs. Dyne) had testified that she practically had not a half-penny in the world.

Immediate Inquiry. The Prime Minister, after consultation with the Foreign Secretary, has directed an immediate inquiry in connection with the statements affecting civil servants made in the course of the suit in which Messrs. Ironmonger and Co., bankers, Throgmorton Street, claimed £39,000 from Mrs. Aminta Marjorie Bradley Dyne in respect of losses suffered in currency transaction in Dec., 1926, and Jan. and Feb., 1927.

The "Introduction." Mrs. Dyne pleaded the Gaming Act, alleging that the transactions were merely gambling differences.

The jury found for plaintiffs. It was stated in evidence that Mrs. Dyne was introduced to Ironmonger & Co. by Mr. J. D. Gregory, an Assistant Foreign Under-Secretary.

"Certain Transactions." Mrs. Dyne stated that Mr. Gregory had certain transactions with her and that she had made payments to him and also to Commander Maxse who also is employed by the Foreign Office.

The Board of Inquiry will consist of Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Malcolm Ramsay, and Mr. Maurice Gwyer.

Members of the Board. Sir Warren Fisher is Permanent Secretary to the Treasury; Sir Malcolm Ramsay is Comptroller and Auditor-General; and Mr. L. Gwyer is Procurator-General and Solicitor to the Treasury.]







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### NOTICES.

#### THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at  
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 29th February, 1923, AT  
NOON, for the purpose of receiv-  
ing the Report of the Directors and  
the Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended December 31st, 1922.  
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1923  
to WEDNESDAY, the 29th  
February, 1923, BOTH DAYS  
INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 18th February, 1923.

#### THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

IF the Marine Boiler left on Kow-  
loon Marine Lot No. 49 by SEE  
TO MING is not claimed and re-  
moved within FOURTEEN (14)  
days, same will be sold to defray  
expenses.

F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1923.

#### HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared  
for the Year ending 31st  
December, 1922, at the rate of  
Three Pounds Sterling together  
with a Bonus of Two Pounds  
Sterling is payable on and after the  
27th February, 1923, at the Offices  
of the Corporation where Share-  
holders are requested to apply for  
warrants.

By Order of the Court of  
Directors,  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1923.

#### THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the THIRTY-SECOND  
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING  
of the Shareholders in the above  
Company will be held at the Com-  
pany's Town Office, 2, Lower Al-  
bert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th  
MARCH, 1923, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors together with State-  
ment of Accounts for the year end-  
ing December, 1922, declaring a  
Dividend and re-electing Directors  
and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from the  
1st to 10th MARCH, 1923, both  
days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
M. MANUK,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 23rd February, 1923.

#### THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the THIRTY-NINTH  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
will be held at the Company's  
Offices, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY,  
16th March, 1923, at 12 Noon, for  
the purpose of presenting the Re-  
port of the Directors together with  
a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December, 1922, and electing Di-  
rectors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
3rd March, 1923 to 16th March,  
1923, both days inclusive, during  
which period no Transfer of  
Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON  
& CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1923.

#### FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1923.  
First Race 3 p.m.

Admission: Public Enclosure \$1.00.  
Ladies Free.  
Admission to Subscribers En-  
closure on production of badge  
only.

Subscribers can introduce Two  
Ladies Free and Two Non-members  
at \$5.00 Each.  
Tickets obtainable from Dr. F.  
Pierce Grove, Alexandra Buildings.  
SPECIAL TRAINS leave Kow-  
loon 2.00 p.m. Return from Fan-  
ling 6.00 p.m. Return Fare 1st  
Class \$1.50. 2nd Class 90 cents.  
FREE PARKING FOR MOTOR  
CARS.

### NOTABLE VISITOR.

#### GOVERNOR-GENERAL STIMSON ARRIVES.

AN OFFICIAL WELCOME.

The official landing in Hong Kong  
of Mr. Henry L. Stimson, newly  
appointed Governor-General of the  
Philippines, took place yesterday  
afternoon at Queen's pier, which  
presented a picturesque appearance  
with draped flags and military and  
naval uniforms showing prominently  
among the notable assembly  
awaiting.

Governor-General Stimson arriv-  
ed by the s.s. "President Mc-  
Kinley" and landed at 3 p.m. He  
and his entourage were personally  
greeted by Sir Cecil Clementi, a  
salute of seventeen guns fired from  
the "Tamar" was replied to by the  
U.S.S. "Ashesville," the full military  
band of the K.O.S.B. played the  
American national anthem and  
Governor-General Stimson then  
inspected the Guard of Honour  
drawn up under the command of  
Capt. Abbott with Lieut. the Master  
of Napier holding the colours.

Notable Gathering.  
The distinguished visitor was  
then introduced to the members of  
the Executive and Legislative Coun-  
cil present, also to heads of depart-  
ments, naval and military officers  
and leading residents, among whom  
were the following:—His Excel-  
lency Major-General C. C. Luard.

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### WHILE NILE BRIDGE.

#### A BRITISH ENGINEERING TRIUMPH.

SUDAN'S SECOND SCHEME.

Khartoum.—The Sudan Govern-  
ment's second great co-operative  
industrial scheme was successfully  
inaugurated when, in the presence  
of thousands, the Governor-  
General, Sir John L. Maffey, open-  
ed the bridge connecting Khartoum  
with the Khalfah's ancient capi-  
tal, Omdurman. Lady Maffey  
drove the first electric tram over  
the bridge. The trams are a con-  
cession granted to the Sudan Light  
and Power Co., and the profits will  
be shared with the Sudan Govern-  
ment and the local municipality.  
The British contractors are the  
English Electric Co., Messrs. Dorman,  
Long, and Co., and Callender's  
Cable and Construction Co.

Triumph for British.  
The trams and bridge scheme is  
a triumph for the British engineers  
concerned, and the contract was  
completed months ahead of schedule  
time, in spite of the coal strike.  
All the materials were manufac-  
tured in Great Britain. The  
bridge measures 2,012ft., and has  
a 30ft. roadway and a sloping ap-  
proach of 820ft. on the Khartoum  
side and 634ft. on the Omdurman  
side. There are eight spans, in-  
cluding the swing span of 304ft.  
In opening the bridge Sir John

### TO SAVE HIS CHILD.

#### DR'S STRUGGLE DESCRIBED AT INQUEST.

DEATH UNDER CHLOROFORM.

Dr. Archibald Duncan Nimmo,  
of Colyton Road, Honor Oak, told  
at an inquest at Camberwell how  
he struggled to save the life of his  
son, Adam Ronald Nimmo, aged 8,  
who died under chloroform at his  
home.

Dr. Nimmo said the boy had  
trouble with his teeth, and he ar-  
ranged that he should have eight  
or nine teeth extracted. The den-  
tist came to his house, the boy was  
put on the nursery table, and Dr.  
Nimmo administered chloroform.  
When the dentist was dealing with  
the last tooth Dr. Nimmo noticed  
that his son had turned a dusky  
color of hue, and that his breathing  
was feeble. He thought his circula-  
tion had stopped, and swabbed  
the throat out and applied artificial  
respiration. He injected ether and  
later strychnine, and continued his  
efforts for an hour and three-  
quarters, but in vain.

Coroner's Remarks.  
Dr. Nimmo said he had been in  
practice in the neighbourhood for  
twenty-seven years, and had given  
over a thousand anaesthetics.  
Dr. G. M. Slot said he made a  
post-mortem examination. The boy  
died from chloroform poisoning.  
As the result of his examination he



DUCHESS OF YORK INSPECTS HER VERY OWN REGIMENT  
London, England.—The Duchess of York, daughter-in-law of King George of England, who was  
garrisoned Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry last August, paying her first  
official visit to her own regiment. On this visit she carried out an inspection of the First Battalion.

C.B., C.M.G., Hon. Sir Henry  
Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-son  
Chow, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax,  
C.M.G., C.B.E., (Acting Colonial  
Secretary), Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.,  
C.B.E., Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressay  
(Director of Public Works), Hon.  
Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for  
Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent  
of Police), Hon. Mr. D. G. M.  
Bernard, Commander G. F. Hole,  
Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Consul-General  
for the United States in Hong Kong,  
Consuls H. Shank and J. Muccio  
and Vice-Consul K. Krentz, Capt.  
A. R. Palmer (representing H. E.  
Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt  
(Commander-in-Chief of the China  
Squadron), Commodore C. Pear-  
son, Col. Russell-Brown, C.B.,  
Group Commander G. D. A.  
Robertson, Squadron Leader P. J.  
Farmer of the R.A.F., Mr. E. W.  
Hamilton (Deputy Clerk of Coun-  
cils), Mr. W. J. Carrie (Head of the  
Sanitary Department), Comdr.  
G. F. Hole (Harbour Master), Mr.  
T. F. Claxton (Director of the Ob-  
servatory), Mr. J. W. Franks  
(Superintendent of Victoria Gaol),  
Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Educa-  
tion), Mr. R. Baker (Manager of  
the Kowloon-Canton Railway), and  
others.

Leaving To-night.  
Governor-General Stimson and  
party then proceeded to Govern-  
ment House where an in-  
formal reception, attended by prac-  
tically all the members of the  
American community, was held.

This morning, Governor-General  
Stimson is to visit Shek-o, and  
later in the day there will be tea  
at Government House to enable Mr.  
Stimson to meet Sir Miles Lampson,  
on the latter's return from Canton.  
In the evening, the Governor-  
General and his party will leave for  
Manila on the "McKinley."

On the Governor-General's staff  
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(military adviser), Mrs. Dorey and

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Maffey paid a special tribute to  
Major Stevens, who is Messrs.  
Dorman, Long, and Co.'s agent in  
charge of the work. Major  
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thought the boy was not a good  
subject for chloroform.  
Recording a verdict of accidental  
death, Mr. Douglas Cowburn said  
that from time to time these  
fatalities occurred, but having re-  
gard to the number of anaesthetics  
administered they were happily  
comparatively rare. It was a  
doubtful case, for the boy was  
the child of the person who had  
administered the anaesthetic. It  
was administered perfectly pro-  
perly, and he desired to express his  
deep sympathy with the parents.

During the "Red" upheaval,  
many motor-cars were burned in  
Canton because they belonged to  
the "capitalists." Now many own-  
ers of the ruined cars have put  
notices on these eye-sores of the  
city to the effect that they are not  
to be touched.

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KASHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 24th March.  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.  
TANGO MARU ..... Wednesday, 21st March.  
AKI MARU ..... Wednesday, 25th April.  
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.  
\*MURORAN MARU ..... Thursday, 1st March.  
SADO MARU ..... Saturday, 10th March.  
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,  
Mexico & Panama.  
ANYO MARU ..... Thursday, 15th March.  
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.  
KAWACHI MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th February.  
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.  
\*TAKETOYO MARU ..... Saturday, 10th March.  
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.  
\*LYONE MARU ..... Saturday, 10th March.  
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.  
\*YAMAGATA MARU ..... Saturday, 3rd March.  
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
AKI MARU ..... Friday, 16th March.  
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
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**THE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

It was announced in the "Times" of May 10 last that the recommendations of the International Conference held at Washington in 1926 in connection with oil pollution of navigable waters had been accepted in principle by the Government, and that the main recommendation, that oil should not be discharged within 50 miles of coast, was being voluntarily adopted by British shipowners.

In current Fleet Orders measures are outlined to prevent oil refuse from being discharged into the sea within this limit by men-of-war. No oil refuse is to be handed over to sullage contractors, as their contracts do not cover the removal of refuse under such conditions. Similarly, no oil refuse is to be placed in any dockyard sullage

lighter or craft unless special arrangements have been made for it to be disposed of on shore or discharged into the sea 50 miles from any coast.

**Experiments Carried Out.**

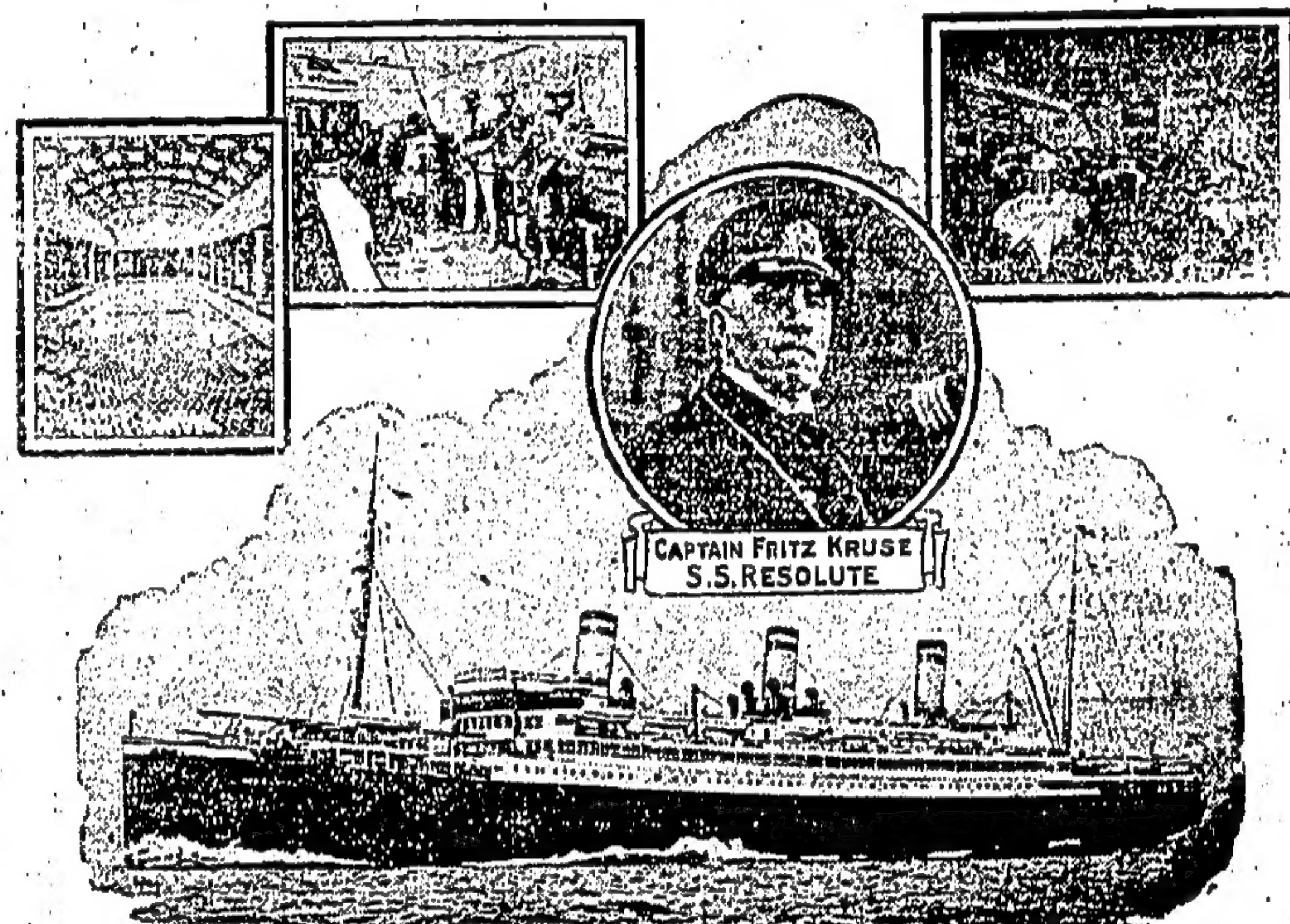
Experiments are being carried out at certain yards and establishments in connection with the treatment and disposal of oil refuse. Pending consideration and decision on the result of such experiments, arrangements are to be made for disposal on shore of as much as practicable of the residue from cleaning tanks (e.g., oakum, sawdust, etc., saturated with oil fuel), the boilers of yard plant being utilised to the greatest extent possible in this connection. Special arrangements will have to be made, it is stated, for the disposal of large accumulations, but before such accumulations are dealt with steps are to be taken to ascertain that they have no commercial value, and the question is to be referred to the Admiralty for decision.

**EXHIBITION SHIP.**

BRITISH SAMPLES FOR THE  
WORLD TO SEE.

**SOUTH AMERICAN CRUISE.**

The project is revived of employing a steamer as a floating exhibition to carry samples of British goods to various parts of the world. The vessel, named "British Industry," will be launched early in February (says a Home report in mail week) for the British Industries Exhibition Steamships, Ltd., and will sail from Liverpool on a South American cruise, calling at Georgetown, Para, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Las Palmas, Madeira, and other ports. The longest stay at one port will be ten days at Buenos Ayres. Manufacturers will be invited to take exhibition space for their goods on the ship, which will have interpreters and demonstrators on board, and signwriters to alter the notices into the languages of the various countries visited. The cruise will extend over 16 weeks, and will cover 14,799 miles.

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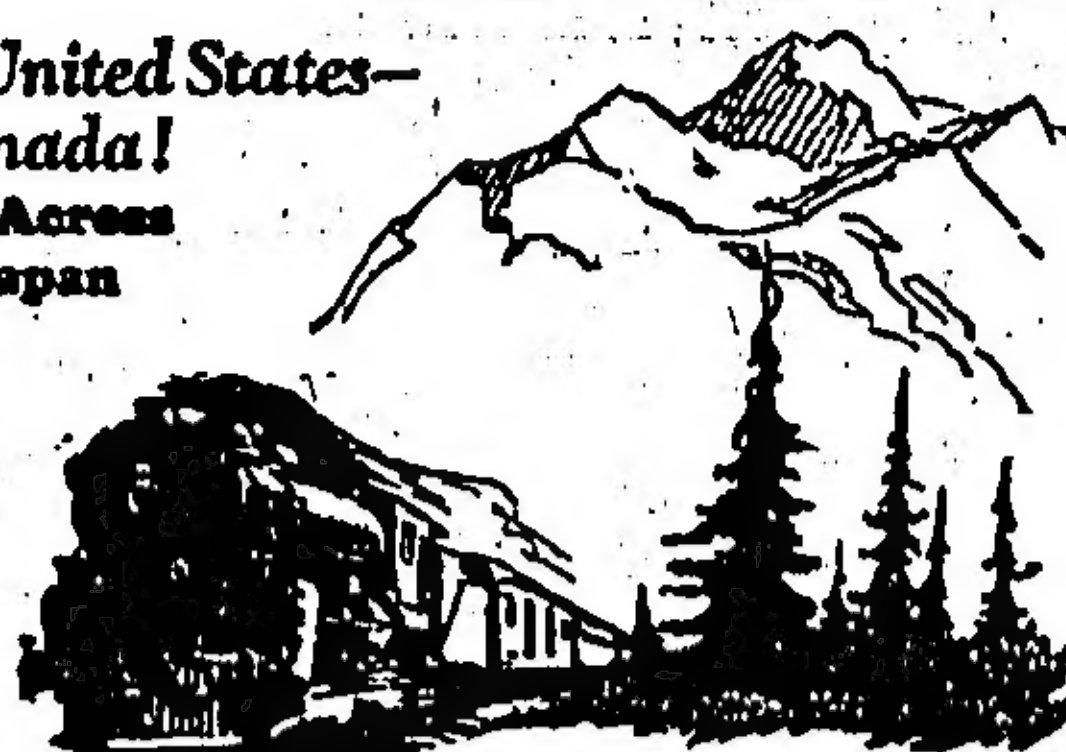
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.  
HAWAII MARU ..... Saturday, 24th March.  
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi) Monday, 5th March.  
INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) ..... Tuesday, 20th March.  
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
PANAMA MARU ..... Friday, 2nd March.  
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TACOMA MARU ..... Sunday, 25th March.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.  
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOL.  
TAIKWA MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th Feb. 10 a.m.  
MENADO MARU ..... Tuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.  
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YEIKOKU MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th February.  
AMUR MARU ..... Friday, 16th March.  
KREIEN—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
MENADO MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th Feb. 10 a.m.  
KAJO MARU ..... Sunday, 4th Mar. 11 a.m.  
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 11th March, 11 a.m.  
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 8th March 10 a.m.  
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SOURABAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 28th March.  
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TAKADA	6,949	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Single Big Windjammer.

There is not even a single officer who has taken a fore-and-aft certificate, far less the square rig, which was formerly considered so important and which is still regarded as being essential by such bodies as Trinity House, who certainly ought to have a knowledge of what a seaman really requires. Yet the Germans and the Danes still insist on sail training, and refuse to give a certificate without it. Whether we will ever go back to that remains to be seen; but if there is any movement it will have to be with specially built ships, as the sale of the "William Mitchell" only leaves us with a single big windjammer.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong by the "President McKinley" from San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai on Feb. 27 were:—

Miss B. A. Bliss, Mrs. C. Chan, Mr. Chen Siu-har, Mr. Cheng San-yan, Mr. T. S. Chin, Mr. W. R. Dackrell, Mr. R. D. Elliott, Mr. T. Kai Ling, Mr. J. Y. Lum, Mr. J. M. Gooden, Rev. & Mrs. W. Lewis, Master B. H. & the Misses M. M. & R. Lewis, Mr. J. McQueen, Rev. H. P. Milet, Dr. C. C. Morris, Miss K. Ou-yang, Mrs. Pun Hing-nan, Mr. S. Rutkowski, Mr. & Mrs. Sanmann, Mr. F. Santos, Mr. R. Serridge, Mrs. G. C. Shepherd, Mr. Whitesan Sung, Mr. J. L. Thompson, Mr. L. Warren, Mr. H. Weitz, Mr. C. C. Wong, Mr. & Mrs. Wong Yui-ki, Mrs. E. & the Misses G. & S. Yung.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the "President Taft" from Manila on Feb. 27 were:—

Rev. E. Calvo, Miss G. M. Dean, Mr. J. Elam, Lieut. and Mrs. F. V. Fitzgerald, Comdr. and Mrs. R. F. Frolan, Mr. R. E. Humphreys, Mr. B. P. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leeds, Mr. E. Lim, Mr. Lim T'iong-pin, Mrs. K. G. Lee, Miss A. Lee, Mr. W. Lewis, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. F. McNair, Col. and Mrs. E. J. Moran, Rev. J. Martinez, Mrs. L. Malcompo, Mr. M. Macgillivray, Mrs. K. N. Oei Tjoe, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. A. F. Pfaffner, Miss C. M. Ratliff, Mr. E. S. Reyes, Mr. Si Yui-ki, Sister Mary St. Maurice, Sister Mary St. Agnes, Mr. I. Sarasola, Mr. F. San Luis, Dr. P. R. Verzosa.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devania" from Hong Kong arrived London on February 26 at 1 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Moji for this port on February 24 p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at about a.m.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Romolo" sailed from Penang on Feb. 21, and is due here on March 1.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on March 1 at about noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila on Feb. 27 at 8 a.m. leaves Manila on March 3 at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on March 5 at 9 a.m. She will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf and will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama on March 7 at noon.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Tugela" sailed from New York on January 16, and is due here on March 9.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on February 25, and is due here on March 15.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Teledor" sailed from New York on February 15, and is due here on March 30.

## LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The arrival of vessels recorded at the Harbour Office this morning, included some 15 vessels of which there were 3 British and 3 Japanese vessels, 5 Chinese vessels, 2 American, 1 French and 1 Norwegian vessel.

The cargo imported to this colony totals 16,607 tons, the 3 British vessels contributing 1,204 tons. The cargo imported is mostly general merchandise.

The through Hong Kong cargo tonnage, for ports beyond, amounts to 16,529 tons approximately, of which total the 3 British vessels are shipping 1,465 tons.

Of these above figures the best return for the day for cargo imported by this colony was shown by the s.s. "Prosper" from Saigon—Pan Yuen Hong—2,400 tons rice.

The highest through Hong Kong for ports beyond was registered by the s.s. "Nagano Maru" from Calcutta, Saigon—N.Y.K.—5,649 tons general cargo.

The passenger list for to-day as shown at the Harbour Office is as follows:—1,152 Asiatic deck passengers; 38 Asiatic cabin; 166 European cabin; Total 1,346.

Departures.

For Swatow:—Hydrangea.

For Canton:—Tea.

For Kongmoo:—Aojaira Maru.

For Macao:—Tak Hing.

For Shanghai:—Luchow.

For Takao:—India Maru.

For Amoy:—Szechuen.

For Saigon:—Taijio Maru.

Clearances.

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For Tourane:—Chung Kong.

For Shanghai:—President Taft.

For Singapore:—Kidderpore.

For Canton:—Raymond Poincaré.

For Penang:—Tung Song.

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Arrivals Departures

British 3 4

Japanese 3 3

Norwegian 1 0

Chinese 5 1

French 1 0

American 2 0

Dutch 0 0

Portuguese 0 0

Panama 0 0

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INDEFINITE NEWS.

Indefinite information is to be gathered with regard to the stranding of the "Kwong Fook Cheong" and "San Nam Hoi." Yesterday morning it was said that both the vessels in question had been refloated and had proceeded to Kongmoon to discharge their cargoes.

Later in the afternoon, it was reported that the "Kwong Fook Cheong" was off first and had discharged her cargo at Kongmoon, but on her return journey had again grounded.

The "San Nam Hoi" is still known to be stranded on Lansham, which fortunately is not often frequented by pirates.

"CONCORD" COMING.

H.M.S. "Concord," of the Reserve Fleet at the Nore, under the command of Com. C. S. Inglis, D.S.O., was ordered to leave England on Feb. 15 with relief crews for gunboats on the China Station, and officers and men for other ships. On her return, about the end of May, the "Concord" is to be fitted as tender to the Signal School, Portsmouth.

CAPTAIN FINED.

In the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, the master of the "Nishuo Maru No. 2" pleaded guilty to carrying excess passengers and was fined \$100.

Lt.-Col. A. M. B. Gage, a well-known Royal Yacht Squadron member, is shortly leaving for a trip to the Far East in his auxiliary schooner "Amphitrite." Recent departures for the Mediterranean have included the Duke of Westminster's steam yacht "Cutty Sark," which was formerly the property of Mr. Henry Keswick.

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Shipowners Pay.

Another thing, which apparently has been overlooked entirely in making the suggestion, is that the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty is the only one which actually pays its way with a little left over for experimental work and progress. The reason of this, of course, is that shipowners already pay for the work, in that they have to buy every chart that they take to sea, and although the prices are admittedly reasonable, they can tot up to a very considerable sum for a ship that is going on a long voyage. As the old independent charts have now practically been forced off the market, the greater part of the money paid for this item of a ship's equipment goes direct to the hydrographic department and squares accounts in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. There is certainly not the least need to establish a further overhead charge on the shipowners.

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### FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

General satisfaction throughout the Colony and among Britons in China will be felt at yesterday's announcement that General Li Chai-sum, Governor of Canton and the Kwang Provinces, is this week paying an official visit to Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of the Colony. Greater satisfaction will be expressed at the accompanying announcement that Sir Cecil intends to return to Canton. At last a long-held wish is to be consummated. The Red element having been completely eliminated from Southern activities, all signs are favourable to a definite and, we hope, long standing rapprochement between the authorities in Canton and ourselves. Such a state of affairs has always, of course, been the desire of the commercial and other interests of this Colony, particularly the Chinese here, and nothing but the misguided activities of those who in the past have administered the Southern capital have prevented the continuance of friendly relations.

The degree of spontaneity to be associated with the coming visit of General Li Chai-sum to these shores is entirely a matter of conjecture. It may reasonably be surmised that the trip of Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister at Peking, had something to do with it. Whether so or not, the welcome fact remains that the head of the Canton regime is about to give personal expression of his sentiments in regard to Hong Kong. These will no doubt take the form of what was embodied in his speech at the function at-

tended by the British Minister. If that is so, we should be eminently satisfied.

General Li Chai-sum has his own internal problems which may have a bearing upon the cordiality of relations between Canton and Hong Kong. These problems—it may be said quite frankly that they are monetary ones—whether we participate in their solution or not, will not in any way mar the mutual feelings of co-operation and goodwill we hope to see consolidated during the next few days. But they are problems which material help from within the Colony might considerably alleviate. What is required in Canton at the present is an amount of "free" money, money which the Governor can use for immediate needs, such as the rehabilitation of the currency. A loan, in the ordinary sense of the term, would not exactly meet the case. Perhaps, however, the Chinese commercial community of Hong Kong could put their heads together and devise a plan by which some set sum was lent to the Canton authorities upon adequate security. It is a matter to which the local Government, obviously, could give nothing but its moral support, but the suggestion, though not entirely a new one, is, at the present, worthy of reconsideration.

### SOLDIERS FINED.

### BROKE WINDOWS WHEN DRUNK.

Privates J. Grant, W. Feeney and J. Haggerty, all of "B" Company, King's Own Scottish Borderers, who are charged with disorderly conduct whilst drunk, and damaging two panes of glass at the Boston and Prince's Cafes, Beaconsfield Arcade, were again before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. The police reported that the value of the two panes of glass was put at \$145 by Mr. Corney, a glass merchant. The defendants who all pleaded "guilty" were fined \$5 or seven days each for being drunk and disorderly. On the charge of damaging the glass, they were ordered to pay fines of \$50 each or 6 weeks' jail. The Magistrate directed that compensation to the complainants for the broken glass be paid out of the fines.

### A REVOLVER.

Kwan, Cheng, (67), a Chinese passenger, who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President McKinley" was arrested by the police for the unlawful possession of a revolver, and five rounds of ammunition.

### TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

LOCAL CHINESE FAMILIES UNITED.

MR. LEE & MISS WONG.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding this afternoon, the parties being Mr. Richard Charles Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hysan; and Miss Esther Wong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wong. There was a large attendance of friends of the two families.

The Very Rev. A. Swann officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was tastefully attired in a dress of silver lace trimmed with pearls. Her bouquet was of white roses.

Attendant on the bride were the Misses Mary Chan and Ethel Lam, Elsie Wong, Dora Wong and Fung Syn Wong (cousins) and Jeanette Wong (sister). The maid of honour wore a dress of pink georgette trimmed with silver lace and the bridesmaids, dresses of crepe satin trimmed with rosettes of the colours of the rainbow.

Mr. Frank Grose acted as Best Man.

A large gathering was entertained at Lee Gardens following the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee leave shortly for their honeymoon in Europe.

### SIR M. LAMPSON.

RETURNING TO HONG KONG TO-DAY.

REMAINDER OF STAY.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking, returns to Hong Kong to-day on board H.M.S. "Tartarus," after his visit to General Li Chai-sum and the Canton Government.

It is understood that Sir Miles will meet Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, at tea at Government House this afternoon, prior to the latter's departure for Manila.

To-night Sir Miles will be the guest of the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, at the Chinese Merchants' Club in China Building. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) and other distinguished Europeans will be present. Chinese guests include Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman of the H.K. Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Li Yik-mui, Dr. S. W. T'so and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin (members of the Sanitary Board); Mr. Ho Kwong (chairman of the Twenty-four Commercial Guilds), Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. Ma Chiu-chiu, Mr. Li Po-kwai, Mr. T. N. Chau (Chau Tsun-nin), Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Leung Kwai-dien, Mr. Lo Chung-kui, Li Shing-kui, Mr. Sum Pak-ming, Mr. Kwok Siu-lai, Mr. Li Jowson, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. Wong Ping-suen, Mr. Wong Ping-yin and Mr. Li Tse-long.

On Friday, Sir Miles Lampson leaves by the "Franconia" for the North; en route to Peking.

### HEALTH DRIVE.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

FREE VACCINATIONS.

A health campaign for adults is being arranged by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. in co-operation with the Chinese Medical Association for the week March 3 to 10. The opening session will take place on March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. building, Bridges Street. Prof. Anderson of the University will speak and moving pictures will be shown.

On each of the following nights, the programme will be in charge of members of the Chinese Medical Association. Lectures will be given on subjects of vital interest, relating to personal and home hygiene and public health.

Physical Examination. Physical examinations for men have been arranged for each evening from March 5 to 9, from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Members of the Chinese Medical Association will have charge of these examinations. Women physicians will be in charge of the examinations for women, which will take place on the afternoons of March 5, 7 and 9, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.

Free vaccinations will be given to all who desire it, by members of the Chinese Medical Association and St. John's Ambulance Brigade, on March 7 and 10 from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m.; and on March 8 and 9 from 5 to 7.30 p.m.

### "TRAFFIC TIME."

PUBLIC CAR DRIVER FINED.

MINOR OFFENCES.

Major C. Willson had only one speeding case and a few summonses for minor traffic offences to deal with at "traffic time" at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In this speeding case the driver of public motor car No. 252 admitted travelling at a high speed in Praya East on February 18, but said that he was following a private car.

Traffic Sergeant Baker said that the defendant was doing 25 miles per hour, which was dangerous, especially in view of the fact that it was a race day and the road was crowded with vehicles going to and from the race course.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

For causing an obstruction in Pedder Street and disobeying police instructions, the driver of private motor car No. 2109 was fined \$10.

The drivers of public motor cars Nos. 48 and 175 were fined \$10 each for causing obstructions in the same locality.

Knocked Down Girl.

The owner and driver of private motor car No. 232 were both summoned for having inefficient brakes.

The owner admitted that his hand brake was a little defective, but said that the foot brake was in good condition, and was capable of pulling up the car in an emergency.

Traffic Sergeant Baker said that the foot brake was only 50 per cent. good whilst the hand brake was absolutely useless. The brakes were tested after the car had knocked down a little girl on the Praya on a race day.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 on the owner of the car and dismissed the summons against the driver.

Failed to Report.

The driver of motor car No. 1427 who admitted that he had omitted to switch on his head light whilst driving the car in Morrison Gap Road in the evening, was fined \$5.

A fine of \$7 was imposed on the driver of motor lorry No. 1759 for failing to report an accident after colliding with a motor car.

His excuse was that the driver of the car told him that as the collision was slight and the damage trivial, it was not necessary to report the matter.

Traffic Inspector Alexander pointed out that damage was done to the motor car to the extent of \$20.

For failing to notify his change of employment, the driver of motor car No. 366 was fined \$5.

### A BOMB.

EIGHT CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindse heard evidence in the case in which eight Chinese are charged with the unlawful possession of a bomb, at Nos. 2 and 4 Percival Street, Wanchai.

Police evidence was that Sergeant Fitches and a party of Chinese detectives raided the premises at 7.30 p.m. on February 11. When they knocked at the door, those inside refused to open. There followed a stampede inside and the police forced their way in. Five men were found in house No. 4 and they were immediately placed under arrest and handcuffed. Detectives then climbed over to the adjoining house, (No. 2), and there found three other men who were also handcuffed.

A systematic search of house No. 2 was then carried out. In a middle cubicle several "Red Flag" booklets were found off a table. Under the bed in this cubicle were two rattan baskets, one of which contained a printing set, and another contained a bomb wrapped in Chinese newspapers.

A Dangerous Outfit.

Sergeant Fitches stated in evidence that he actually saw the first five men climbing from the verandah of house No. 2 to house No. 4. After the eight defendants had been handcuffed, he noticed the first man fumbling in his pocket with his handcuffed hands and he took out a bunch of keys and tried to throw them away. With these keys, witness opened one of the rattan baskets where he found the bomb. With the bomb were two knives which could be used as daggers.

There were also some printing blocks, one of which showed a skull pierced through with a dagger. Another block bore the name of "Chinese Seamen's Union Maintenance Committee," and a third bore the characters "Volunteer Corps of Seamen's Union in Canton, Kong-moon and Macao."

Mr. Horace Lo, for the defence, asked to reserve his cross-examination of Sergeant Fitches till the next hearing, as he had only just been retained and had had no opportunity to consult his clients. The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

### AT THE RACES.

SOLDIERS AGAIN IN COURT.

MUTILATED TICKETS.

Corporal J. Davidson and Bombardier G. H. Lowe, both of the 51st Company, Royal Artillery, were again before Mr. R. E. Lindse this morning, in connection with the charges brought against them by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, arising out of the alleged mutilation of entrance tickets whilst employed as gate attendants at the race course on the first day of the annual race meeting.

The charges which related to \$75 were (1) attempting to steal the money, (2) alleged embezzlement of the money, and (3) alleged fraud in connection with the money by mutilating entrance tickets.

When the two accused answered to their names in Court this morning, the Magistrate said that on account of the illness of the solicitor defending them (Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones) they would be further remanded until 10.30 on Thursday morning.

The accused left the Court house after renewing their bail bonds.

An Officer of the Royal Artillery occupied a seat on the bench with the Magistrate, whilst the seats on the side of the Court were filled by many of the accused's comrades.

### FORD FATALITY.

CHIEF TEST PILOT DROWNED.

PLUNGE INTO SEA.

Melbourne, Florida, Yesterday. Harry Brooks, chief test pilot of the Ford Motor Works, was drowned while flying a Ford "Fliver" to Miami, the machine plunging into the sea.—Reuter's American Service.

### POLICE RESERVE.

PRACTICE FOR GOVERNOR'S INSPECTION.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police:

Governor's Inspection. His Excellency the Governor will inspect the Hong Kong Police Reserve in conjunction with the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Fire Brigade on Wednesday, March 28 on the Murray Parade Ground. All Police Reservists are requested to keep this date open.

Practice Parade. All members of the Chinese, Indian, and Sharpshooters' Companies will attend a practice parade on the Central Police Station compound on Wednesday, February 29. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Uniform, Cap without cover, and belt.

Flying Squad. The next weekly Instructional Patrol will be held in Kowloon on Thursday, March 1. Fall in at the Star Ferry Wharf (Hong Kong side) at 5.10 p.m. sharp.

Those men who have not passed out in Part 1 of training course will attend at the Central Police Station, Thursday, March 1 for squad drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt.

Sharpshooters' Company. The regular revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range next Sunday morning, March 1, at 10 a.m. Uniform optional. Members will bring their revolvers and belts with holsters. All men should practice rapid drawing of their weapons from the new holsters as the Rapid Drawing Test will be carried out on Sunday next. (Sgd.) L. H. C. CALTHROP, A.S.P., Adjutant.

Hong Kong, Feb. 28, 1928.

### U.S. NAVY.

COMMENT ON RECENT REDUCTIONS.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Bridgeman, in a speech in London, said the American naval programme was now being reduced almost to what Britain proposed at Geneva. There was no reason to believe that America wanted ships for anything else than their own defence.—Reuter.

Five Chinese who are held responsible for eight armed robberies in the Shanghai International Settlement were remanded in order that the police might make further investigation of their activities. During the remand they were sent over to the French Concession authorities who are also seeking them for crimes committed in French territory. The robberies for which the accused were arrested, extended to all districts of the Settlement according to the prosecution's statements and included the holding up of several rent-shoots during which they victims were relieved of over \$1,000.



## STEAMBOAT CO.

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Marine Superintendent for our company and is shortly retiring after thirty years' service during which his work and advice in this company's interest have been of great value.

## Macao Trade.

With regard to the Macao trade, the question of placing faster and more up-to-date tonnage on this run is constantly occupying your directors' attention but they feel that the time is hardly opportune to embark upon a building programme.

Trade generally in the Canton delta during the year under review can only be classed as moderate. Due to conditions existing in the country, movement of cargo has been generally restricted, while the passenger trade has likewise suffered to some extent. Unfortunately, owing to misunderstandings with the Seamen's Union in Canton our steamers were picketed and passengers were prevented from embarking or disembarking at our wharves in Canton for a period of seven weeks during the summer, which is reflected in the net earnings of the steamers. I am pleased to say that all misunderstandings were overcome on August 6.

## Personal Risk for Staff.

It is impossible and even dangerous to forecast what the future has in store but the return to more peaceful conditions in Canton under the present Government is reassuring. An active campaign to suppress brigandage and piracy and measures to overcome the banknote problem in Canton should further restore general confidence and lead to improved trading conditions in the delta. Given these conditions we can rely upon our up-to-date and popular steamers getting their full share of cargo and passengers from shippers and supporters.

I cannot close without mentioning the hard work and loyalty on the part of our staff, both European and Chinese, afloat and ashore under conditions that have often been trying if not entailing an element of personal risk.

## Canton Agents' Services.

It is with regret that I have to report the death of Captain A. McKinnon, who was well known to most of you, as one of the most popular captains on the Canton run and who only survived to enjoy a very short while in retirement after completing twenty-two years' service in the company.

It is fitting here that I should also record our appreciation of the services of our Canton Agents, Messrs. Deacon & Co., Ltd., under the especially trying conditions of the past year.

No further comments appear to be necessary and I therefore propose that the accounts and report as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

## Mr. Owen Hughes.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said: "I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. Shareholders generally will be sure to appreciate the action of the directors in transferring a lakh from Equalization of Dividend Fund and realising a portion of our assets in order to pay off mortgage. While we all regret that no dividend is available for distribution we cannot, in view of the difficult times we have gone through, expect a dividend, or be surprised, I, at any rate, feel that your wise policy is justified."

"With the Government at present in power in Canton, I feel that we shall enjoy a year of continued progress, towards that prosperity which the steamers of this company formerly enjoyed in Canton and in the delta. We have, however, met with so many surprises and disappointments that we should nevertheless continue a policy of rigid economy both in the working of the steamers and in the office. We must be very sure that we are out of the wood before embarking on any programme of building new ships."

## Tribute to the Board.

"It is very gratifying to learn from the directors' report of the loyal support of the staff both afloat and ashore and it is to be regretted that no appropriations have been possible for the respective funds."

"Our chairman has modestly restrained from making mention of the arduous work that has fallen on himself and his co-directors during the past few years. They have, I know, had a great deal to do and have had many difficult and delicate problems to solve; and I think that shareholders owe a debt of gratitude to you, Sir, and the directors for the manner in which these negotiations have been settled on behalf of shareholders."

Mr. Weall replied: "On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mr. Owen Hughes for his remarks."

## CUSTOMS CHANGES.

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New Customs Changes. The Director-General of the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance of the Nationalist Government has recently given approval to several changes of Customs Commissioners at different places, upon the recommendations made by Mr. F. W. Maze, Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai.

In a despatch to Director-General Chang, Mr. Maze stated: "The following changes in the Commissioners of Customs in charge of the ports mentioned are contemplated, and the approval of the Nanking Government is requested—Mr. A. G. Bethell, Commissioner at Soochow to the Commissioner at Lappa in place of Mr. F. W. Carey, who is retiring on Feb. 28. Mr. T. Jissoji, Assistant in the Nanking Customs, to be in charge of Soochow for about two months, in place of Mr. Bethell. Mr. F. de P. M. E. Marti, Assistant in the Kiukiang Customs, to be acting Commissioner at Wuhu in place of Mr. T. A. M. Castle who has been granted sick leave. — Signed: F. W. Maze."

## Mr. Castle.

In this connection, it may be mentioned that Mr. T. A. M. Castle was recently dismissed from the Customs service by the Nanking Government, for disobeying Government instructions while serving as Customs Commissioner at Wuhu, the "Kuo Min" news agency states.

In connection with the above appointments and recommendations, it is pointed out that the contact between the Inspector-General of the Customs Service and the Ministry of Finance since the establishment of the Nanking Government has been maintained through the office of the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, and the procedure continues to be followed. — "Kuo Min."

## Northern Complications.

Peking, Feb. 23.

In an interview with a representative of the "Toho" News Agency, Mr. Mo Teh-hui, the Minister of Agriculture and Industry, referring to the Customs question, said in part:—

"Inasmuch as there are points which the Peking Government cannot agree to in Mr. Edwards' Customs plan, and as there are some complications in the south, it is doubtful whether the Customs question will be brought to a satisfactory settlement, even if negotiations were opened between the Peking and Nanking Governments."

## Peking's Decision.

"Mr. Edwards is not a representative of the Peking Government. His visit to the south is in a purely private capacity."

"The Peking Government is now making preparations to enforce Customs autonomy from Jan. 1 of next year in accordance with the decision reached at the Special Tariff Conference. The Government is also considering about the resumption of the Customs Tariff Conference in order to effect an agreement regarding a transitory tariff." — Toho.

## THROWN OUT.

According to a report made to the police by Wan Pui, driver of motor bus No. 107, his vehicle was proceeding along Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, when passing the China Light and Power Company it collided with a ricksha which was going in the same direction. In the ricksha was a Chinese named Leung Sze (45) who was suffering from fever and was being conveyed to the hospital. The patient, who was thrown out of the ricksha, died from shock soon after admission to the hospital.

Sir Edward Denison Ross on Jan. 25 broadcasted from London a lecture on Chinese Culture, the second of his series on Eastern Art and Literature.

## Other Business.

No question was put and the proposal was carried unanimously. Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. J. M. Alves, the retiring directors—proposed by Mr. D. Goodall, seconded by Mr. Cheng Ching-po.

Confirmation of appointment of Mr. J. J. Patterson, Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. E. K. Batchelor as directors—proposed by Mr. L. S. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. W. E. Van Byn.

Re-election of Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors for 1928, at a fee of \$1,000 for each—proposed by Mr. R. K. Batchelor, seconded by Mr. Lo K. hong.

## CHATER WILL CASE.

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Mr. Potter argued that it did not follow that because a person was told to pay the money into the estate, such a person was not, in Sir Paul's view, a fit and proper person.

It was finally agreed that counsel should be given the opportunity of dealing further with this point should it be taken by respondents.

## Mr. Bagram's Status.

Counsel then dwelt on Mr. Justice Wood's findings with regard to the status of Mr. Bagram at the time of appointment, and claimed that if substitutional or successive appointments were permissible, the second appointment only arose upon the rescission of the first appointment and similarly regarding the third appointment.

Sir H. C. Gollan asked if the necessary qualification must not be held at the time of testator's death.

Mr. Potter argued in the negative on the grounds that Mr. Bagram was not the first appointee and that he had become qualified before the decision of the other appointees not to serve. Mr. Bagram's qualifications only became material when his nomination and appointment became effective.

Dealing with his third point, counsel referred to Mr. Justice J. R. Wood's finding which was as follows: "In my opinion, the formation of the Hong Kong Finance and Investment Co., Ltd., did not in fact clothe Mr. Bagram with the desired status. At its best, this was merely a titular qualification and the title itself is, in my opinion, insufficient. The defect appears when it is sought to apply to this Limited Liability Company the words 'so long as such... corporation carry on business... in the Colony.' This Corporation has at no time fulfilled this provision." At this point, counsel said he would like to stress that Mr. Justice Wood also said that he had no reason to suppose that the selection of Mr. Bagram was made otherwise than in good faith. Deceased without doubt regarded Mr. Bagram, who had been his attorney, as a suitable agent for the Company.

## Carrying On Business.

Regarding Mr. Justice Wood's contention as to the matter of "carrying on business," counsel claimed that the Court was not concerned with this at all in so far as the Court was not called upon to decide how far a firm was carrying on business.

His Lordship commented that in the case of anyone who deliberately set out to bring himself within the definition, surely the Court had power to look into it. Mr. Potter argued that all that the Court had power to do was to assure themselves that there was a live company on the register and that as soon as that was established it had to be accepted that the firm was carrying on business. It was irrelevant to enquire into the books and balance sheets of the firm.

## The case is proceeding.

The First Appeal.

Judgment was reserved at the conclusion yesterday of argument in the first of the appeals concerning the administration of the estate of the late Sir Paul Chater.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., appearing for the Official Trustee of Bengal, submitted argument relating to the income immediately payable to the cestui quo trustees under a certain clause of the will and also relating to the contention of Mr. Alabaster, K.C. (for the appellant), that the executor was empowered under another section of the will to invest in shares. Mr. Potter contended that it would reduce the will to an absurdity if it was denied that stock was not to be used in its limited sense when the trustees were given an extraordinary wide power of exchanging the estate for partly paid-up shares.

## The Trustees' Power.

The trustees apparently had power to buy fully paid shares of any company and to exchange property into ordinary shares, even partly paid ordinary shares. As the testator himself had invested thousands of ordinary shares in Hong Kong, there was very good reason for holding that neither securities nor ordinary stock should be construed too narrowly. Mr. Jenkin submitted that under clause 8 of the will the testator gave to Mr. Bagram a prior charge on the capital and that as the debt in conversion of the estate into cash and a resulting appropriation of 7 lakhs to Mr. Bagram was due to a debt to benefit the Church of Nazareth, the Church should pay for this indulgence by allowing Mr. Bagram to be paid a preferential rate of interest. These Lordships indicated that they would reserve judgment.

## CINEMA NOTES.

ADDED ATTRACTION AT THE QUEENS.

## MISS CHEE TOY'S SONGS.

Daughter of the famous magician Ching Ling Foo, Miss Chee Toy, who will appear at all performances in the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow to sing popular English and Chinese songs, is a star in her own right, for besides having presented "turns" in some of the biggest variety halls in London and New York, she has more than once "topped the bill" at the Ziegfeld Follies.

## Picture Feature.

The chief item in the movie programme to-day and to-morrow is "The Side Show of Life," an absorbing story adapted from W. J. Locke's remarkable story, "The Mountebank," with Ernest Torrence and Anna Q. Nilsson as leading players. The story deals with the career of an Englishman who has been with a French circus ever since he ran away from home. The fact that his hobby has been war history and war theory stands him in good stead when hostilities break out in 1914. His promotion is rapid and the armistice finds him holding the rank of brigadier-general.

## English Settings.

During the war he has fallen in love with the daughter of a noble family, thus arousing the jealousy of his circus partner. When the war is over, the brigadier-general is "demobbed." There is nothing for it but to return to the circus. This he does with results that provide a dramatic climax to a powerful story. Not the least charming feature of "The Side Show of Life" is the fact that the story has a British hero and many of the settings are English.

## "FASCINATING YOUTH."

Something new in pictures is offered by the chief picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow, "Fascinating Youth," a comedy which is the result of the Paramount Picture School's first term of work. The principal roles are all enacted by students of the cinema school which was organised some months ago, in an endeavour to introduce a new group of faces to movie-goers. The sixteen young men and women seen in "Fascinating Youth" were selected and taken from every walk of life. Some were artists' models, others, college students, still another, a teacher, one, a newspaper reporter, and so on. Full of action, "Fascinating Youth" is therefore a pleasant film as well as an interesting experiment.

## "THE GREAT LOVE."

Showing at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "The Great Love," a comedy written and directed by Marshall Neilan. The story deals with a sentimental elephant who falls in love with the doctor who has cured her of an illness. The elephant causes all sorts of amusing and exciting incidents when she follows the doctor around the town wrecking a village in her desire to be with him. The leading parts are played by Viola Dana and Robert Agnew, with Malcolm Waite as the villain. "The Great Love" is being screened at 5.15 and 9.20 p.m. only, the picture at 2.15 and 7.15 p.m. being the Chinese drama, "The Romance of a Star."

## AIR CHAMPION.

WORLD TROPHY FOR LADY BAILEY.

Paris, Jan. 16. Lady (Abe) Bailey, the famous British flying woman, has been awarded the International trophy for women by the International League of Aviators for her altitude record for light aeroplanes. She reached a height of 18,000 feet last July.

The jury of the International League which adjudicated in the matter decided against the claim put forward on behalf of Miss Ruth Elder, the airwoman who tried to fly the Atlantic. She travelled with a man pilot, it was pointed out.

Colonel Lindbergh, the Trans-Atlantic aviator, was awarded the trophy for the outstanding aviator of 1927.

Lady (Abe) Bailey is classified as the "outstanding woman aviator of 1927."

The league selected the following aviators to receive awards as representing their various nations:—Great Britain: Flight-Lieut. Webster, for his victory in the Schneider Trophy.

France: Lieut. Costes, for his South-Atlantic flight.

Italy: Lieut. the Marquis de Phédo, for his South-Atlantic flight and his tour of the United States.

Spain: Señor Llorente, for his flight to Spanish-Gibraltar.

Holland: Lieut. Kuyper, for his flight to Batavia and return.

Lady Bailey, who is the wife of the South African millionaire, took her pilot's certificate in 1928.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Side Show of Life."

To-day—World Theatre; at 5.15 &amp; 9.20 "The Great Love" at 2.30 &amp; 2.15, Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Fascinating Youth."

To-day—Special concert Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

February 29—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

March 1—Dance Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 2—Musical evening Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 1-3—Queen's Theatre; "The Scarlet Letter."

March 1-3—World Theatre; "The Confession of a Queen."

March 1-3—Star Theatre; "Introduce Me."

March 8—Musical at Helena May Institute.

## Sports.

Feb. 29—Whist Drive Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanning Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 6—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa") Trophy starting at 4 p.m.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanning.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 29—At Sales Room, Duddell St., provisions, wines etc., etc., 10 a.m.

Hughes &amp; Haugh's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

## Meetings.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. &amp; K. Whf. &amp; Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

March 6—Meeting of lady helpers of the "Cheer 'O" canteen, Chater Rd., in Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Ice &amp; Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric &amp; General, Ltd., Company's offices, P. &amp; O. Bldg., noon.

## Miscellaneous.

To-day—Sir Shou-shun Chow and Hon. Dr. H. K. Kotevall entertain Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., in Chinese Merchants Club.

February 29—Mrs. Russell-Brown distributes prizes and certificates at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

March 1—Hong Kong Technical Institute reopens on this date.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant cancelled.

March 5—H.E. the Governor formally opens King's College, Bonham Rd., 3 p.m.

March 5—Mr. R. C. Tredwell, U.S. Consul-General in H.K., lectures on "Personal Experiences in Russian Turkestan" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 5—Distribution of prizes at St. Paul's Institute, Causeway Bay, by Lady Clementi, 5 p.m.

March 6—Annual inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor, Murray Parade ground, 6.15 p.m.

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**LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**

Wellington, Feb. 27.—A further 200 members of the Mau illegal police have arrived at Apia. They were arrested and taken outside the disturbed area and released.—Reuter.

The prize distribution at St. Paul's Institution, Causeway Bay, will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 5, and not at 4 p.m. as previously announced. Lady Clement will present the prizes.

A pickpocket who stole \$10 and 20 peso notes from Mr. G. M. Heaphy, of Messrs. Calder, Marshall and Co. at the Customs Jetty was sent to prison for one year in the Provisional Court, Shanghai.

Local estate to the amount of \$46,000 was left by Siu Shiu-chuen late of 8, Seymour Terrace, probate of whose will has been granted to four executors. Deceased was a seeking agent in the employ of the Standard Oil Company.

All masters of foxhounds have been asked by the League for Prohibition of Cruel Sports whether their hunts would be willing to draw off hounds when a benton fox goes to ground or seeks sanctuary in a dwelling or other place.

The Fong Pin Hospital Committee in Canton, whose staff buried more than 1,600 victims of the "Red" massacre, have announced that their job is finished and henceforth the authorities must bury the dead who are abandoned by relatives.

New York, Feb. 27.—Mr. C. S. Hughes, ex-State Secretary, on his return from Havana expressed satisfaction at the success of the Pan-American Conference and appreciation of the "warm affection shown to us."—Reuter's American Service.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances it has been found necessary to cancel the dinner of Cymedithas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society, Hong Kong), arranged for March 1, but it is hoped that it will be possible to renew the invitations on a later occasion.

A party of Chinese soldiers conducted two raids in Pootung and arrested four Chinese on suspicion of being Communists. A quantity of communistic literature was seized at both places. The accused are detained at the military headquarters at Tseng Kiang Road, Pootung.

London, Feb. 28.—In the House of Commons in reply to questions Sir A. Chamberlain replied in the negative when asked whether America had offered Britain a multilateral treaty similar to that offered to France and whether negotiations were proceeding in the matter.—Reuter.

Mr. John J. Muccio, one of the Hong Kong Consuls of the United States of America, leaves to-day for Yunnanfu, the capital of Yunnan province (in the southwest of China Proper), on Consular business. Mr. Muccio has taken a prominent part in the Colony's baseball activities.

Captain J. D. Nares, D.S.O., who has been assistant hydrographer of the Navy since Sept., 1924, is to take command of the surveying ship "Iroquois," on the China Station, in succession to Commander A. L. Jackson. The "Iroquois" has been at Hong Kong, under the command of Lt.-Com. R. M. Southern.

There was an election at the French Consulate, Shanghai, recently when Mons. Lafford, of Messrs. Madier and Co., was elected as a French member and Mr. H. S. Kavarana was re-elected as a foreign member of the French Municipal Council. Mr. Kavarana has been a member of this Council for over quarter of a century.

The Indian interpreter at the Kowloon Magistrate, Mr. D. S. Das, yesterday prosecuted a compatriot before Mr. W. Schofield for using abusive language. The defendant was fined \$5 last week for disorderly conduct. After the case he went to the Magistracy office and complaining of the injustice of the sentence, proceeded to abuse the Magistrate and the Police, and when ordered by Mr. Das to leave he abused him also. The defendant was bound over to be of good behaviour.

At the Savoy Hotel yesterday afternoon a large company of members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve were the guests at a farewell party given by Commander G. B. Hartford, their former D.S.P. and Adjutant, who recently relinquished his post and is proceeding home in the near future. The Force took the opportunity to present the popular Adjutant with a silver bowl and two framed photographs of the Reserveists. The presentation was made by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Loo Min has been re-appointed acting Director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section).

The Nationalist War Council in Nanking has ordered the arrest and execution of deserters from the army.

According to a Tientsin telegram to the Chinese press, Mr. R. F. Johnson, tutor to the ex-Emperor Hsuan Tung, shortly will leave for Home.

Miss Iris Thornhill, who was admitted to the Peak Hospital on Sunday and was operated upon the same afternoon for appendicitis, is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. C. L. Tan (Chan Cheung-lok), a former Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton and Hithow and once editor of the "Canton Gazette," has been appointed Director of Publicity in the Canton Government.



London, Eng.—Not a movie actor, but the handsome son of Lord and Lady Oxford and Asquith in his latest picture. The Honorable Anthony Asquith will pay a visit to America in the near future.

Passengers who disembarked at Hong Kong from the "President McKinley," which arrived from the North yesterday, included Miss B. A. Bliss, Mr. Chan Siu-har, Mr. J. M. Goodeno, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis, Mr. J. McQueen, Rev. H. P. Milet, Dr. C. C. Morris, Mr. L. Warren and Mr. H. Weitz.

The "President Taft" brought a fairly large number of passengers from Manila to Hong Kong, arriving yesterday. Those who landed here included Rev. E. Calvo, Lt. and Mrs. F. V. Fitzgerald, Comdr. and Mrs. R. F. Frelsen, Mr. R. E. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leeds, Col. and Mrs. E. J. Moran, Rev. J. Martinez, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. A. F. Pfiffner and Dr. P. R. Verzosa. Through passengers include Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gowan for Shanghai, Mr. B. Goodyear for Yokohama, Mr. G. D. Kirkham for Honolulu, Mr. J. F. Howard for San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoffman for Los Angeles.



The Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Labor of Canada. He recently visited the United States.

Through passengers on the "President McKinley" (which leaves for Manila this afternoon), arrived from America via Japan and Shanghai, included:—Mr. J. M. Goodeno (Standard Oil Co.); Mr. E. E. Selph (an attorney of Manila) and Mrs. Selph; Mr. G. L. Townsend (Fairbanks, Morse & Co.); Mrs. E. W. Burr and Miss L. C. Lillo; Mr. Scott Lintner (Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Co.); Mr. W. M. Fitzgerald (Syndicate Mining Co.); Mr. Otto Pruessman (Far East manager, International General Electric Co.); with Mrs. and Miss M. Pruessman; Captain W. Berthoff, U.S.N. (from Shanghai); Mr. A. D. Calhoun (a banker) and Mrs. Calhoun; Lt. W. W. Pace, U.S.N.; and Mrs. Pace; Mrs. Virginia Rosenstock; Dr. F. H. Loomis (of Oakland, Cal.); Major T. A. Scott, U.S. Marine Corps; and Mrs. Scott; Lt. D. J. Bailey, U.S. Army.

Mr. George F. Tobler, the manager in the Orient of Messrs. John Wanamaker & Sons of New York and Philadelphia, returned to Hong Kong yesterday by the "President McKinley."

Among the passengers on board the M.M. s.s. "General Metzinger," which is bound from Hong Kong to Marseilles, is Mr. J. Limoge, the local Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co., who is going home on leave.

Zau Ts-ching, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour of the Shansi Provincial Government, went to Nanking to request the Nationalist Government to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the military expenses of that province, writes the "Shun-pao."

Situate at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Nam Cheung Street, Shamshui, New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,123 was put up to auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday and was sold to Mr. Fan Sik-man for \$3,880.50.

When the case was mentioned before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon of the Chinese Interpreter of No. 7 Police Station who was remanded on a charge of receiving a bribe of \$50, the accused failed to appear, and the Magistrate ordered his bail of \$1,000 to be estimated.

Removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital last night, a Kowloon Chinese was found to be dead on arrival at the hospital. He was stated to have met with an accident, but bore no marks of injury. Medical opinion is that the man had been seriously ill and death was due to shock.

The Provincial Federations have telegraphed to the Nationalist Government in Nanking, recommending that China trade commissioners should be appointed for America, Europe, Japan, the Federated Malay States, and the Dutch East Indies. It is suggested that the Government should earmark \$50,000 annually for their expenses.

A change of pulpits took place on Sunday between the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, of Union Church, Kennedy Road, and the Rev. W. W. Rogers, of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Referring to the event at the evening service, Mr. Macdonald remarked that friendly co-operation of this kind would do much to bring about Church unity.

The Hague, February 27.—The Second Chamber has passed a Bill providing for the official regulation of broadcasting which will be equally divided between different Broadcasting Societies, for example the Roman Catholic, the Orthodox Protestant, Neutral, etc. The Government have decided to drop the proposal to levy a fee for each receiving set.—Reuter.

Sandagar Singh, a Sikh watchman employed by the Standard Oil Company at Laichikok, who was charged with the murder of another Socony watchman (Jitta Singh) on the night of February 18, was again before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector Lane, a further remand was given until next Monday morning.

After consultation with the Foreign and Home Ministries, reports the "Shanghai Mail," Mr. Tajima, a Consul, has been selected as Japanese Assistant Commissioner in the Shanghai Municipal Police. It is understood that Messrs. Funatsu and Fukushima, Japanese Councillors in the S.M.C., already have made the necessary arrangements with the Council regarding the installation of a Japanese Assistant Commissioner.

At the Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., Queen's Building, the following events will take place:—To-day, a special concert commencing at 7.30 p.m., in which the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, Miss McGill, H. Glover (baritone), C. P. O. Beane (tenor) and others will render items; Wednesday, Feb. 29, a whist drive, commencing at 7.00 p.m.; Thursday, March 1, a dance, commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Friday, March 2, a musical evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All service men are heartily invited.

Another large audience was present at the Queen's Theatre last evening when Miss Violet Capell and her dancing pupils gave a second performance in aid of charity. The programme was the same as that presented last Wednesday, and again scored a big hit with the audience who were enthusiastic in their reception of every item. A final performance will be given by this clever combination at the Star Theatre at 9.15 p.m. to-morrow. Part of the proceeds of the performances will be devoted to the London Hospital.

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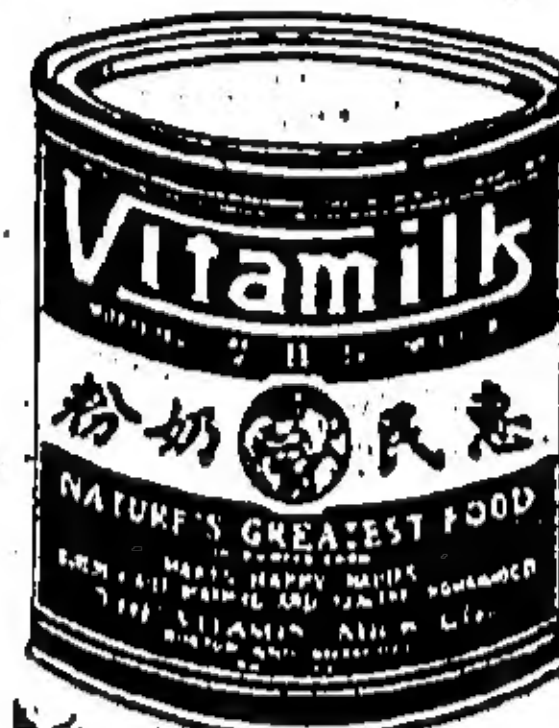
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# Sport Columns

## SOCCER COMMENT.

### Reflections On Scotland's Victory.

#### KOWLOON MAKE PROGRESS.

#### Club v. Kowloon In Shield To-day.

[By "Rover".]

Though there was a small League programme on Saturday the chief item of interest was the International at the Valley where for the third time Scotland proved victorious in a fine, open match with plenty of good football passages and individual brilliance.

The match started with a great display of lofty kicking, and the pace a cracker, the Chinese forwards appearing to be able to collect the ball from any position on the run, and in the first ten minutes or so China appeared to have very great advantage. But with McBride holding Suen and Chan, and Hirst behind always on the spot at the right minute, the control of the game gradually veered round until Scotland began to take charge and Scotland's two goals were both obtained by finishing touches to good movements perfectly carried out. In spite of Suen Kam-shun's and Wong Pak-chung's great efforts to retaliate, there was always a Scottish defender's head or foot in the way at the last moment, and Lau Mow was not up to standard, Li Wai-keon being greatly missed. Scotland's half-back line, with Stewart a splendid pivot, was great in the struggle for mastery in the first half when the game was really settled, and McKelvie plodded through from a quiet start to a strong finish and was not inferior to his brilliant colleagues in Scotland's middle line, which was a big factor in Scotland's win. The most satisfactory point about a really fine match was that not many snips were missed—those almost certain goals which do not materialise and which so exasperate spectators.

The match was a grim one, and excepting that McKelvie shot outside once in the first half when well placed, and that Alexander did the same on another occasion and the Chinese inside-right balanced this by doing the same for his team, there were many splendid bits of forward work only just saved by brilliant goal-keeping by Rodger and his vis-a-vis Pau Kaping, these two fragile looking goal-keepers coming out of the match with flying colours.

In a match of this nature much work was thrown on the Chinese defenders who often had to kick out under great pressure and while the kicking of the backs was often very good, their placing was weak and oft-times was returned by the Scottish halves or backs instead of reaching the Chinese forwards.

Wong Shui-wa was at times overwhelmed by the Scottish forwards' dash, and the Chinese centre-half trusted too much to hard kicking, invariably high, and of not much service to his forwards. The wing halves worked tremendously and kept up their standard of play to the finish.

Although Scotland won so easily on goals, they could never slack up and Chan and Tao, the Chinese wings, made several, early, brilliant dashes along the wing, which against a less resolute defence, would have resulted in success, and Scotland's two backs, Hirst and Gardner, were invaluable to their side when China was making this great early effort.

Although the China team, being a full Club side, possessed the advantage of combination and knowledge of one another's play in a marked degree, as a Club side they must be given credit for so fully extending the strong XI representing Scotland, whose forwards, once they fell into one another's stride, played very nice football and although McKelvie was certainly the most dangerous forward on the field on the day's play, Aird and Toal filled their positions with great credit, and Campbell and Alexander, very speedy wings, completed a line which it would be very difficult to improve upon.

The match was well worth seeing and the huge crowd had no reason to be disappointed with the football, although naturally a large proportion were disappointed with the result, but victories such as Scotland's on Saturday are good for sport and the football shown by both sides was good for the game, and a credit to the players engaged.

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## HOME FOOTBALL.

### STOCKPORT'S FIVE AGAINST WREXHAM.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION.

London, Yesterday. In division III (northern section) of the Football League, Stockport defeated Wrexham to-day by five goals to nil, at Stockport. Reuter.

Before this match, each club had 33 points, Stockport with a match in hand. The table now stands as follows:—

Division III. (North)				Goals.			
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bradford	30	20	8	2	80	31	48
Doncaster	28	18	4	7	64	40	31
Tranmere	28	15	6	7	70	43	35
Stockport	28	15	5	8	55	38	35
Southport	28	15	3	11	52	46	23
Wrexham	28	15	3	11	47	46	23
Bradford C.	28	11	10	8	62	45	32
Darlington	28	14	4	10	59	41	32
Accrington	30	12	8	10	57	51	32
Lincoln	30	14	4	11	57	57	32
Hull	29	11	9	9	58	47	31
Rochdale	27	11	5	14	52	62	27
Sheff. Wed.	28	11	5	14	52	62	27
New Brighton	27	10	6	11	46	43	26
Chesterfield	30	8	13	9	51	58	26
Rotherham	28	9	7	12	48	47	25
Crewe	29	8	7	14	55	65	23
Ashington	30	7	7	16	51	80	21
Durham	30	8	5	17	40	69	21
Nelson	28	8	3	17	52	85	19
Barrow	30	6	7	17	36	81	19
Wigan	30	6	6	18	37	75	18

A weight-lifting competition open to all weight-lifters of Singapore has been arranged to take place some time in March, to decide the champions in the various classes.

them in as many matches with their full side out. The match cannot be taken as a criterion because the Police wisely rested several players who bore marks of recent strenuous encounters, and will need their top weight out for their opponents, the R.A., in the Shield semi-final on Saturday next.

Kowloon brought off a very smart victory after a blank first half against Recreio; their centre-forward Northey again distinguishing himself by scoring four goals in the second half. Gosano was not playing for Recreio, his younger brother, who figured in the forward line, being in absence, these weaknesses in the Recreio team rather discounted Kowloon's fine victory, but the home supporters were very pleased with their team all the same. Kernick and Muir played so well on either side of Northey that the centre forward's position was more or less a sinecure. The play of the forward line generally, which has shown steady improvement for several weeks, was full of promise, Vickers, who took McKelvie's place at left half-back, was the only alteration in Kowloon's well known back division and this department of the team was quite up to its usual standard.

Owing to the 2nd Battalion of the K.O.S.B. Regiment having been engaged in so many competitions lately, their Shield tie with the Hong Kong Football Club has been twice postponed, and this tie has been re-arranged for to-day at the Valley, on the Club ground, kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

The meeting of the two teams should provide a good game with the Borderers starting favourites and, on present form, they are a difficult side to beat. The Club started the season with a very weak side, Stewart and Watson both being away, and other well known players having left the Colony or not being available. They also had the misfortune to lose Howard, the versatile captain of last year's team, through an injury and this was a big loss. The team will not be definitely decided until just before the kick-off but the following players will provide the final XI:—

Rodger, Wallington, Lyons, Black, McBride, Stewart, Watson, Taylor, Bishop (captain), Smith, Scott, Simpson, Alexander.

The many friends of B. Pasto, the clever Kowloon back, who had the misfortune some few weeks back to break his leg in a friendly match against the "Belgenland" XI, will be pleased to hear that he has returned from Hospital to his own residence and is doing well, and has sent cheery greetings to his old Clubmates and wishes for their continued success. We hope to see Pasto again lining out for Kowloon despite his unlucky experience.

The finals in the United Services soccer competition are down for decision to-morrow at Spokumpoo, as follows:—

Junior, kick-off 2 p.m.—H.M.S. "Iroquois" v. 2nd Batt. Scots Guards (Reserves).

Senior, kick-off 4 p.m.—2nd Batt. Scots Guards v. 2nd Batt. Scots Guards (Reserves).

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## "SCRUMMAGING."

### ESSENCE OF RUGBY FORWARD PLAY.

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They know how to play and how to appreciate "Rugger" in Scotland. I realised that when I watched a first-class club match in Edinburgh last season in which several well-known players were taking part (says H. P. Marshall). At least, I was told they were taking part, but I could not distinguish them, for they were not numbered.

There were no programmes, and the ground had a decided slope, and was covered with thick, tufted grass. The goal-posts were none of your tall timbers, but were insignificant and insecure, though they served their purpose well enough.

Intelligent Applause. There were not many spectators—three or four hundred perhaps—and they preferred to gather on the touch-line near the game rather than sit in the one little 'stand' which was the only concession made to spectators. The applause was sparing but intelligent, and the players had no cause to resent the sound advice which was often given to them.

I don't know when I have enjoyed a game more thoroughly. It was in no way spectacular, but it was good hearty "Rugger," with plenty of rousing footwork and hard running, and somehow it seemed to represent the spirit of the game as it should be played.

Numbers Controversy. I have no mind to stir up the whistled controversy about numbering players, and I know all the arguments about our responsibility to the spectators whose gate-money provides us with our grounds.

Having made our bed we shall lie in it, and continue to be numbered like prize oxen, but still, that game in Scotland will remain a very pleasant memory.

All this is aroused by a letter which has reached me from Peebles-shire, an interesting letter which begins, "I wonder whether I dare ask you to start a campaign in favour of a little more of the good old-time hearty scrummaging and a little less of the heads up, far-too-quick breaking. God bless Tom Voece, and all the rest of it."

A Real Forward Rush. My correspondent would have enjoyed a great deal of the match between England and New South Wales for there was plenty of honest scrummaging then, and he would have howled with delight at that English forward rush, when the whole pack went down the field together with the ball at their feet, to score a try after one of the finest displays of concerted close dribbling I ever wish to see.

But his complaint is just, for he emphasises the fact that "far too many young players emulate Price or Voece before they have learnt the A B C of the ground-work of scrummaging."

I am not one of those who think that a forward should pack anywhere in the scrum, and that there should be no fixed places. When a man has matured as a forward it seems to me that he will have discovered his aptitude for a certain phase of scrummaging; he will be physically or mentally suited to be a front-row man, a hooker, a second-row binder, or a back-row expert.

And I consider that fixed places in the scrum, for experienced players, are just as natural and integral a part of the game as fixed places outside the scrum.

Learning to Pack. But I do thoroughly agree with my correspondent that we must learn to walk before we can run, and that young players should be made to pack in the front and second rows, where they will acquire the habit of hard scrummaging and where they will have no excuse for spectacular shirking.

Too often a boy fresh from school, says that he is a back-row forward, when actually he is too inexperienced to call himself a forward at all. There are, in fact, very few good back-row forwards about, for the first essential duty of a back-row forward is to shove hard while there is any chance of securing the ball, and he must have exceptional stamina and physique to be also fast and prominent in the open.

I cannot do better than close with another quotation from this letter:—"Let us have a little less talk of wing forwards and a little more about teaching the young forward to scrummage intelligently and apply his weight at the right spot and heel the ball cleanly," for if we do that we are on the only sound road to developing another Tom Voece.

POLE VAULT RECORD. New York, Yesterday. Sablin Carr, a Yale University pole vaulter, claims the world record for clearing 14 feet 1 inch at the athletic meeting at Madison Square—Reuters' American Service.

The Police lacking the services of Clark, Wynne McGreevy, Hudson and Howarth—practically the backbone of the side—could not hope to hold the smart Air Force XI and Vernon took toll to the extent of four good goals, his side obtaining a 2-1 victory.

The Police have had scored against H.M.S. "Albatross".

## NEXT TOURNAMENT.

### H.K. BOXING ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 10.

#### SILVA TO FIGHT AGAIN.

Jose Pintos de Silva, of the Portuguese transport, who was beaten on points by Stoker Morris, in a 15-round bout for the middleweight championship of the Colony, is to be matched again at the next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

The date of the tournament has been changed from March 3 to March 10, also at Lee Theatre, Percival Street, East Point. Pintos da Silva made himself very popular with local boxing enthusiasts by his game display against a more scientific opponent, but his hard hitting, his pleasing mannerisms, and his clean and sporting tactics won him deserved applause. He will be matched with another fine boxer this time.

There will be several newcomers in the programme, mostly with imposing records; and a splendid evening's boxing is assured. Mr. J. Brook, the H.K.B.A. manager is now arranging the final details.

## A GREAT FIGHT.

### KID LEWIS DRAWS WITH JOHNNY SQUIRES.

#### EX-WORLD CHAMPION.

Johannesburg, Jan. 10. At the Town Hall last night, Johnny Squire, the South African heavyweight boxing champion, failed to score a victory over Ted Kid Lewis, the world's ex-welterweight champion, in a 15-round contest under the auspices of the Transvaal National Sporting Club. A draw was announced.

The fight was a strenuous one. Contrary to general expectation, Lewis did not win by a knock-out, but lasted the full fifteen rounds, giving the South African champion a great fight.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed when thousands of people assembled outside the hall long before the doors opened, the first man on the queue getting to the hall at noon. Shortly after the boxing started the "House Full" sign was put up, and about 2,000 were unable to get into the hall. Spirited fighting was seen in all the bouts, and the tournament was one of the best ever seen on the Rand.

At 9.45 p.m. Kid Lewis came into the ring, and was greeted with a storm of cheering. Squires followed closely on his heels, and he also received a great ovation. The weights were:—

Squires: 12st. 4lb.  
Lewis: 11st. 1lb.  
The fight started in hurricane fashion. Lewis rushed from his corner, but Squires met him more than half-way.

The fight was a fairly even one, the "Sunday Times" score card reading:—  
Squires..... 69  
Lewis..... 66

## POINT-TO-POINT.

### WINNERS IN FANLING HUNT EVENT.

Mr. Erskine (riding Rupert) was first to finish on Sunday from the other ten competitors in the light-weight division of the point-to-point race arranged by the Fanling Hunt; but he only beat Mr. Miller (on Alhambra) by a neck. A length further behind was Mr. Morgan. Next were Mr. Elliot and Mr. Durran also close up.

These were four competitors in the heavy-weight division, the two ladies (Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Chubb) going with them. Mr. Potts won on Craigavad. The others, in the order of finishing, were Mr. Macnamara, Mr. Bayliss and Mr. Watson. Mrs. Sheldon was unseated at the second last jump but not injured.

The course had been laid by Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell and Mr. Bolton, near Mr. Peter Potts's bungalow, and most of the course could be seen from a hill near the starting point.

At the conclusion, Mrs. Hayley Bell presented the prizes to the winners.

## BILLIARDS MATCH.

### NAVAL TEAM DEFEATS THE WARDERS.

At the Chief Petty Officers' Club in the R.N. Dockyard last night, a Royal Naval team of six defeated the Warders' Mess at billiards by only three points. Scores:—

S.E.P.O. Pyne	150	Noonan	129
E.R.A. Davis	150	Randel	110
E.R.A. Reade	117	Selby	150
C.P.O. Best	72	Gooding	150
Joiner Light	150	Lacey	120
C.E.R.A. Freshly	150	Johnson	127

Total.....789 Total.....789

The H.A.C. had to scratch their Rugby and Association matches against Rosslyn Park Public Schools and an A.F.A. Public Schools XI owing to the bad state of the pitch.

## VARISITY GOLF.

### CHAMPIONSHIP OF JUNIOR SECTION.

#### MATCH PLAY STAGES.

The draw for the match play stages of the junior section championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, at Happy Valley, has resulted as mentioned below. The scores of the sixteen who qualified in the medal play (qualifying round) on Sunday are given in parenthesis after each name.

A. E. Clarke (93) v. W. McKay (93); A. J. W. Doring (94) v. P. Morrison (89); J. McCubbin (87) v. W. Pryde (95); F. E. Booker (85) v. J. Stewart (92); R. Wallace (87) v. G. McLeod (98); J. M. McBride (90) v. F. T. James (92); C. A. Goldenberg (94) v. E. Moore (94); J. Luing (82) v. A. E. Charman (91).

By mutual arrangement, matches may be played earlier than the dates fixed as follows:—  
1st round on March 11, 2nd round on March 25, semi-finals on April 8, final on April 22.

## WRIGHT PLANE.

### WHY BEING SENT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

#### DISPUTE WITH INSTITUTE.

Washington, Yesterday. A dispute with the Smithsonian Institute is responsible for the decision of Mr. Orville Wright to send the original Wright biplane to the British Museum.

A widely reproduced magazine article alleges that the Smithsonian officials are conducting "a subtle campaign to give the credit of the Wright Brothers in aerodynamic discoveries to the late Professor Langley, ex-Secretary of the Institution."

The article says that Mr. Wright expresses the belief that the machine, impartially judged, will receive due credit at the British Museum.—Reuters' American Service.

## AUSTRIA AND ITALY.

### FRANCE CLOSELY WATCHING DISPUTE.

Paris, Yesterday. The newspapers are closely watching the Anglo-Italian dispute, which the "People" accuses Sig. Mussolini of trumping-up in order to distract attention from an incident into which the League of Nations are at present enquiring, namely, a smuggled machine-gun parts recently discovered on the Austro-Hungarian frontier allegedly consigned from Italy to Hungary.

The "Volonte," however, says that Sig. Mussolini will not succeed in this attempt but find now that he has two troublesome affairs on his hands instead of one.

On the contrary, the "Gaulois" sees in the Austrian protests the hidden influence of Germany working for Austro-German union.—Reuter.

## ROAD TRANSPORT.

### NEW BILL PROMOTED AT HOME.

Rugby, Yesterday. Great interest is being displayed in the Road Transport Bill which is being promoted in Parliament by the Railway Companies, and which will be debated on its second reading in the House of Commons to-morrow and probably on Wednesday evening.

The principle involved in the five identical Bills of each of the five Railway Groups is the extension of the powers of Railway Companies to enable them to provide road transport service, and will be decided on one of these measures.—British Wireless Service.

## PRINCE LICHNOWSKY

### GERMAN DIPLOMAT PASSES AWAY.

Berlin, Yesterday. The death is announced of Prince Lichnowsky, who was German Ambassador at London at the outbreak of war.—Reuter.

Appointment Approved. Later. The German Government has agreed to the appointment of Sir H. G. M. Rumbold as Ambassador at Berlin.—Reuter.

## GERMAN COMMUNIST

### NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION REJECTED.

Berlin, Yesterday. The Reichstag rejected a Communist motion of non-confidence in the Government.

## AIR BOAT CRUISE.

### MACHINES DUE AT SINGAPORE.

#### TO AUSTRALIA.

London, Yesterday. The four large all-metal Royal Air Force flying boats, which left Plymouth on October 7 on a 23,000 miles course to the Far East and Australia, will arrive in Singapore to-morrow.

The machines will then have flown 10,000 miles. The fleet has already accomplished the longest flying boat formation flight in the history of aviation.

The schedule has throughout the flight been punctually adhered to and no mishap has occurred. At Singapore the craft will have reached their base where they will ultimately form a nucleus of the Far East Air Fleet designed to work in conjunction with Eastern naval forces.

Before taking up these duties, they will proceed to Port Darwin and thereafter make an Australian coast cruise.—British Wireless Service.

## "WHITE" REDS.

### ALLEGED RUTHENIAN PLOT.

Warsaw, Yesterday. Over 2,000 witnesses have been called for the prosecution in the trial of 56 persons allegedly members of a "White" Ruthenian Communists of 56 organisations known as "Homada," and charged with conspiring to throw over the present regime in Poland; also for the benefit of the Soviet Union, a part of Poland inhabited by White-Ruthenians. Four ex-members of the Diet are among the accused.

The prosecution alleges that the Soviet largely financed the conspirators.—Reuter.

## LATE T. HARDY.

### ESTATE VALUED AT £91,700.

Rugby, Yesterday. The late Thomas Hardy, the great English writer who died last month, left estate valued at £91,700 with net personally of £87,700.

A fund has been opened for a memorial which is to take the form of, firstly, the preservation of Hardy's birthplace at Brockhampton; secondly, an obelisk in the same neighbourhood; and, thirdly, a Hardy memorial building in Dorchester, containing a collection of his works and relics.—British Wireless Service.

## U. S. IMMIGRATION.

### BILL TO INCREASE QUOTAS.

Washington, Yesterday. President Coolidge has transmitted to the Senate a bill providing for considerable increases in immigration quotas of several European countries including those whose annual quota is fixed at 55,894 compared with 34,007.—Reuters' American Service.

## STANDARD TIME.

### SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

3	6.43
4	6.42
5	6.41
6	6.40
7	6.39
8	6.39
9	6.38
10	6.37
11	6.36
12	6.35
13	6.34
14	6.34
15	6.33
16	6.32
17	6.31
18	6.30
19	6.29
20	6.27
21	6.27
22	6.26
23	6.25
24	6.24
25	6.23
26	6.22
27	6.21
28	6.20
29	6.19
30	6.18
31	6.17



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# RADIO TOPICS

## WIRELESS NOTES.

A REVIEW OF LAST  
 YEAR.

### NO STARTLING DEVELOPMENT

The close of the year marked the first anniversary of the change-over from the British Broadcasting Corporation to the British Broadcasting Corporation. There has not been any remarkable development in broadcasting during the year, but there has been a very definite move with a view to the inauguration of the regional system of transmitters. This scheme means the complete reorganisation of the B.B.C. transmitting stations, so that the present low-power stations will be replaced by fewer stations of much higher power, in general with two-wave lengths, thus giving more widespread distribution of signal strength and at the same time enabling at least one alternative programme to be received on simple apparatus.

With the intention of (a) providing the B.B.C. engineers with facilities for investigating the best form of transmitter; (b) enabling other users of the ether to test the amount of interference on other wave-bands that might be caused by such a station; and (c) enabling the B.B.C. to start an experimental programme service on which to gain experience for the future, the Daventry experimental station 5GB was erected and began operations on August 21. This new station actually replaces the Birmingham station, and broadcasts a programme entirely different to that of 5XX, which normally relays the London programmes. The plan now under consideration is to have a high-power station in the vicinity of London, another in the West Country, a third in the North of England, a fourth in Scotland, and a fifth in Northern Ireland. In addition to these stations there may be relay stations in thickly populated districts. There appears to be little likelihood of the scheme being definitely embarked upon before the end of 1928, and it is on the 5GB experiments that the final decision will depend.

There has been a steady increase in the number of licences issued, which in December last year was 2,178,259, as against 2,263,854 in March, 2,299,822 (plus 7,691 licences to the blind) in June, and 2,337,733 (plus 10,125 free licences to the blind) on October 31 last.

On both the amusement and the educational sides, broadcasting has made steady progress, although there has been much criticism in various directions with regard to the "uplift" character of some of the items. Among the numerous excellent programmes broadcast during the year perhaps the most attractive were the publicly performed musical programmes, which include the B.B.C. series of promenade concerts from the Queen's Hall, London, conducted by Sir Henry J. Wood, the national concerts, and the Halle concerts from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester.

Of the "outside" broadcasts the more notable, perhaps, was the running commentary on the University Boat-race, which presented the B.B.C. engineers with a very difficult task. It was essential that the commentators should follow the race in a motor-launch, and this made it necessary to employ a complete transmitter in the launch, as the first stage in the relay had to be by radio link. Another successful outside event was the relaying of the service and ceremony at the opening of the New Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres, Belgium, on the morning of July 24.

Empire broadcasting is full in its experimental stage, and it will, no doubt, be many months before a satisfactory service will be possible. As to the transmission side there has been considerable progress, but on the reception side progress has not been nearly so rapid, and much research work remains to be done. In connection with a possible Empire service a number of experiments have been made in the reception and relay-

ing in this country of Australian programmes, and in Australia of special short-wave transmissions from this country, but the results have been rather disappointing.

The Commercial Side.  
 As regards the development of radio on the commercial side, a new epoch was opened in January by the inauguration of the wireless telephone service between England and the United States, via the Rugby station. This service, although somewhat costly, led to a big saving of time. The "team" system has made very rapid strides during the present year, and communication by this means has been established between England and Ottawa, Australia, South Africa, and India with very satisfactory results.

Much improvement has been accomplished in the design of receiving sets, and in this direction manufacturers are producing sets which, from their external appear-

## NOTED CHINESE SINGER.



Miss Chee Toy, daughter of the famous Chinese magician Ching Ling Foo, is appearing at all performances in the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow to sing popular English and Chinese songs. Miss Chee Toy is a star in her own right, having "topped the bill" at the Ziegfeld Follies.

ance, bear not the slightest resemblance to anything pertaining to radio. They are self-contained with or without built-in loudspeakers and operated from the usual batteries, or direct from electric lighting mains. Selectivity, purity, and ease of control are also details which have received their due consideration. The cabinets are designed in all styles, so that a fastidious purchaser should not experience any difficulty in obtaining a set which would be in complete harmony with the furnishing of any particular room.

## TRANSOCEANIC TESTS.

The chief engineer of the National Broadcasting Company, of New York, Dr. A. N. Goldsmith, recently made a statement on the joint experiments by his company and the B.B.C. to determine the feasibility of international re-broadcasting.

River Head, Long Island, will be the new western end of the transoceanic link. Dr. Goldsmith declared that experiments so far have shown that the receiver on his side of the Atlantic must be located in a spot outside of the city. It has also been demonstrated that it will be necessary to utilise exactly the right wave length for the hour of the day when the broadcast is to be transmitted, and just the right type of receiver and aerial equipment.

Dr. Goldsmith said he had received a message from Captain Eckersley, of the B.B.C., saying the engineers on this side were prepared to go on with experiments on any wave and with any apparatus found to be desirable. The 24-metre wave length, further declared the American engineer, which had been tried for some of the more recent tests, had not shown results which would be necessary to carry on such service effectively.

## THE B. B. C.

REVIEW OF A NOTABLE  
 YEAR.

### THE REGIONAL SCHEME.

London, Jan. 2.  
 The British Broadcasting Corporation was twelve months old yesterday. The transition from company to corporation regime a year ago occurred smoothly and without the drastic changes that some anticipated under "semi-State" control. It is now recognised that in the past year the broadcasting organisation has lost none of its original virility, that steady progress has been made in many directions, and that broadcasting is on an even firmer footing than before. The number of broadcast receiving licences in force at the end of December, 1926, was 2,178,259; the number extant in November, 1927, the last month for which figures are available, was 2,366,520.

The past year has seen the beginning of two important experiments which may have far-reaching effects. The first concerns the reorganisation of British broadcasting on the lines of fewer high-power stations, the second the beginning of official experiments in Empire broadcasting through 5SW at Chelmsford. The opening of Daventry experimental station, 5GB, in August was regarded as the foundation-stone of the regional scheme; the first transmissions from 5SW took place in the late autumn. Both stations are described as "experimental," but it is safe to prophesy that this year will see big developments in both directions.

One of the most effective demonstrations of Empire broadcasting was from Canada to this country on Dominion Day, when Keston picked up and relayed a programme transmitted by the Marconi beam station at Drummondville, Quebec. The successful rebroadcasts from Sydney, Australia are still fresh in the minds of listeners, and 1927 stands out as the year in which Empire broadcasting in its first stages was accomplished.

During the week-end the B.B.C. issued its annual review of the year detailing the outstanding events of the past twelve months. Most of them will be sufficiently familiar to listeners. There were the broadcasting of descriptions from the Derby, the Boat Race, the Grand National, and Wimbledon. For the first time, also, broadcasts from Sir Henry Wood's Promenade Concerts at the Queen's Hall were made possible by agreement with Messrs. Chappell, and there were such impressive outside broadcasts as the one from the Menin Gate Memorial in July. A list of the chief broadcasts of 1927, and the longer list of the eminent people who have broadcast, are alike indicative of the increasing prestige of the service. The B.B.C. looks forward to 1928 with a confidence that will be shared by the majority of listeners. —"Daily Telegraph."

## NEW BROADCAST SYSTEM.

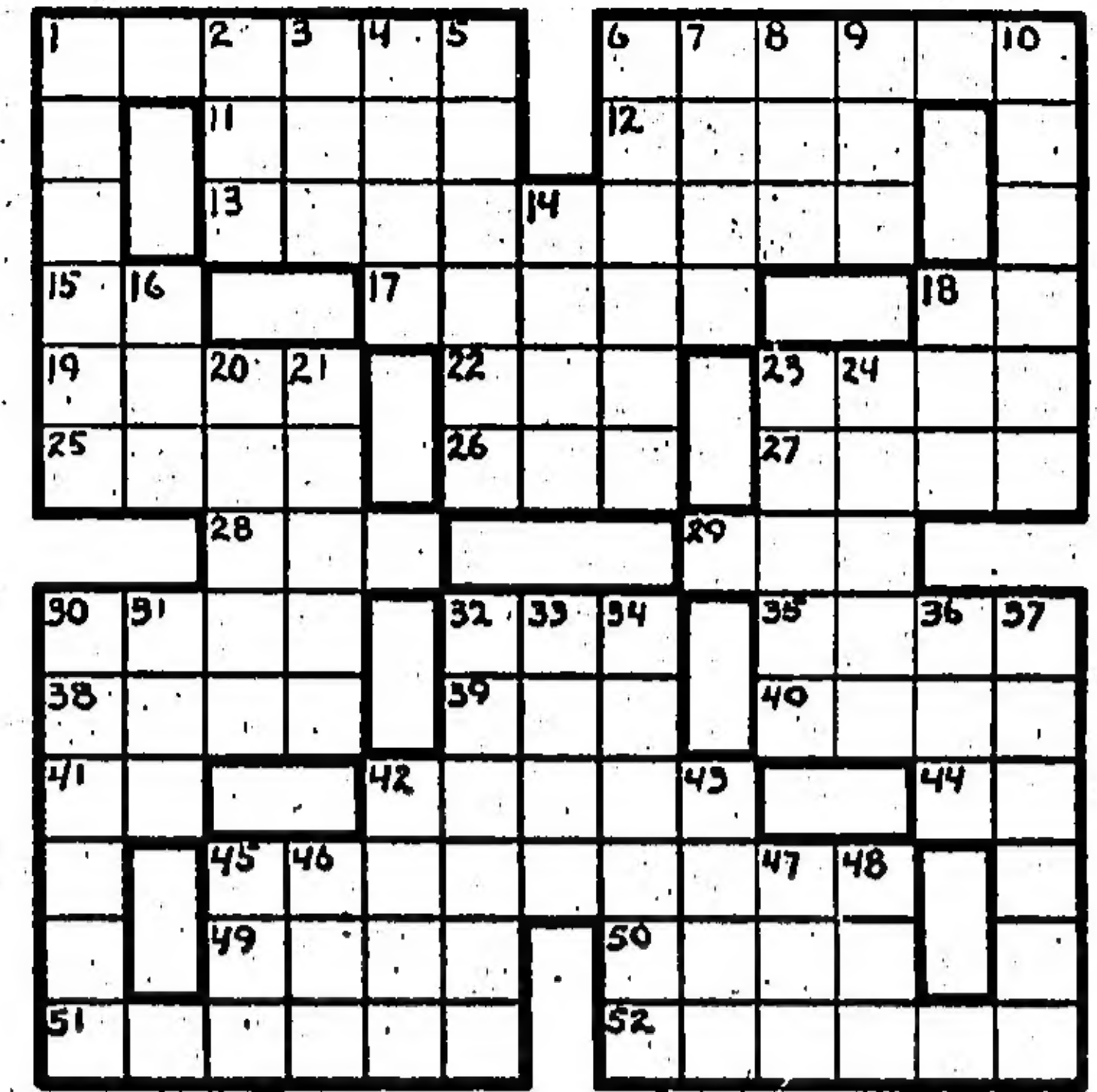
London, Jan. 17.  
 The Broadcasting Corporation will shortly transmit continental programmes to all parts of England and vice versa.

As a result of special telephone lines which are being installed in the European capitals, the natural tone of opera and musical concerts will be unaffected. The system will operate as successfully as London transmissions to the provinces. Programmes will be interchanged in 1929 under the auspices of the Union Internationale de Radiophonie, which is the wireless League of Nations.

These developments are the outcome of the recent land line experimental programme from Cardiff to Brussels where it was re-broadcast. Mr. Eckersley explains that it is fundamentally different from the Empire system because land lines mean that the only problems are straightforward technical details. There will be no insoluble problems, such as unreliability, as in a wireless link between stations.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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### HORIZONTAL

1-Chatting  
 4-Out of  
 11-Engage  
 12-Mental picture  
 13-Law  
 15-Thus  
 17-Arounds  
 18-Upon  
 19-Unit of work (pl.)  
 22-Unit  
 23-Action of the sea  
 25-Bench  
 26-Color  
 27-Terminates  
 28-Allow  
 29-Monkey  
 30-Percolate  
 32-Fragment  
 33-Therefore  
 34-Young girl  
 39-Period

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

40-And others (Latin-abbrev.)  
 41-Conjunction  
 42-Outwardly manifest  
 44-Jumbled type  
 45-Covering  
 46-Fruit  
 48-Dash  
 51-Annually  
 52-Star cluster

### VERTICAL

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

10-Lazy people  
 14-A melody  
 16-Mineral  
 18-Peculiar  
 20-High winds  
 21-Stairs  
 22-Indian tent  
 24-Inactive  
 26-Muddy and wet  
 31-Organ of the head  
 32-Dream  
 33-Superficial extent  
 34-Vegetable plot  
 36-Opening  
 37-Gifts name  
 38-Verbal  
 43-Building material  
 45-Mineral spring  
 46-By  
 47-Grab  
 48-S. African antelope

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## BANNED PLAY.

AUTHOR ON THE B.B.C.'S  
 "ABSURD" ACTION.

"It is absurd for the B.B.C. to assume that the majority of listeners are children and fools," said Captain Reginald Berkeley, discussing the action of the B.B.C. in rejecting his play, "Machines," the story of a Labour leader who marries a capitalist's daughter.

Captain Berkeley said that he was specially commissioned by the B.B.C. to write a play. When it was submitted, however, it was rejected on the grounds that it was politically controversial, and that listeners switching on and off might receive a wrong impression, similar to that given to certain listeners by Father Ronald Knox in a humorous broadcast account of an imaginary British revolution.

Captain Berkeley maintained that such a misunderstanding would be impossible. "There is a thread of music running through the play," he said, "and nobody could imagine a revolution set to music."

"Unless a work fails because it is not good enough to broadcast, the B.B.C. should not tear up its contract—except on the ground that the work is obscene, blasphemous, or seditious."

When the B.B.C. was approached for its reply, the following statement was made:—  
 "The B.B.C. has no time to enter into prolonged arguments with disappointed authors; moreover, the B.B.C. is so keen on securing authority to add controversial material to its normal programme matter that it is concentrating on all practical and reasonable means to that end, avoiding measures calculated to defeat the main purpose."

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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 MELLIPLUOUSNESS  
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 MAK PEWIT NEO  
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 S MEN STORM ZED  
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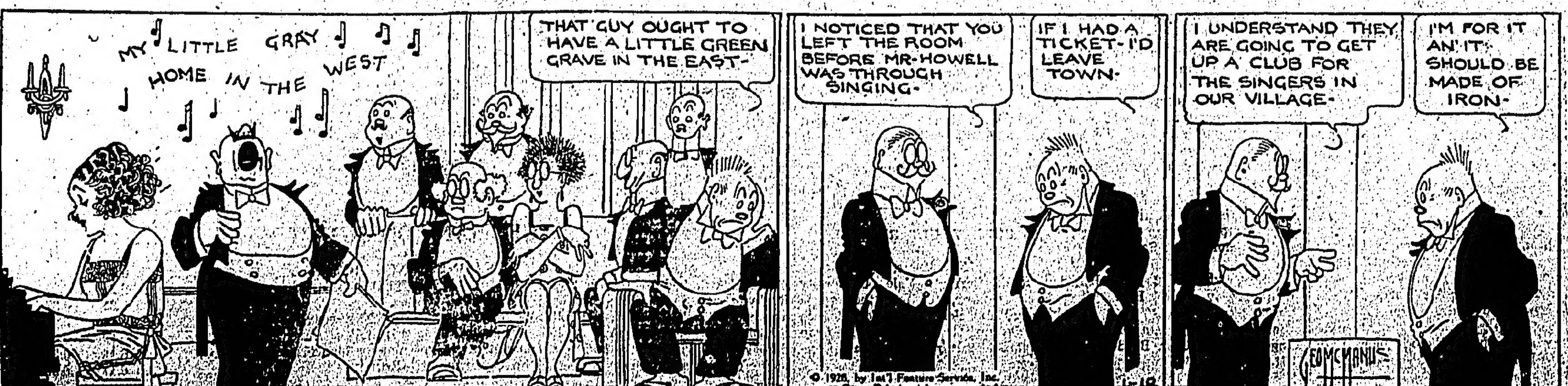
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## HAL ROACH.

TO MAKE PICTURES IN  
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FOR BRITISH SYNDICATE.

When Hal Roach, of picture-comedy fame, arrived in Manila, a report was issued that he was to study the possibilities of taking moving-picture scenes in the Philippines. Mr. Roach passed through Hong Kong on his way around the world stopping over at several ports as a sort of advance guard for three companies which will make a year's tour in the near future making pictures on the way.

According to present plans, two dramatic companies and a comedy company will make a tour of the world to take scenes at various ports, which Mr. Roach will pick out on his present trip. The companies will make a series of twelve feature pictures for British syndicate. A British ship has already been chartered and all interior decoration will be made on board. The tour will begin from Los Angeles and will include the Hawaiian Islands, the South Seas, China, Japan, and perhaps the Philippines, Siam and India.

## 42 Actors To Travel.

The tour will, in no way, serve as a travelogue, Mr. Roach explained. The project will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Roach himself. Scenario writers, photographers, and other personnel necessary for taking and putting pictures into shape will be contracted and will compose a portion of 65 people who will make the tour. The actors will number 42, Mr. Roach declared.

The pictures will cost approximately \$150,000 each, according to present estimates. When finished they will be released through the Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer Company. Mr. Roach's own company will not make the trip.

The photoplay magnate declared that if the first round-the-world cruise is successful another cruise will be undertaken the following year.

## HEROIC RESCUES.

WOMEN WRAPPED IN  
POLICEMAN'S COAT.

Southampton.—The brave rescue of six people from burning premises in London Road, Southampton, was accompanied by exciting incidents. One of the occupants, Mrs. Pelling, who is over 70 years old, was so dazed when the firemen appeared in her bedroom that she collapsed.

She was taken on to the landing, and when she saw the flames she started to go up the stairs. Then she collapsed again, and, being heavy, had to be dragged to safety. The lower part of the premises were occupied by the Southampton Gramophone Salon Company, the upper portions being self-contained flats, and the occupants, Miss Widdas, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mrs. and Miss Knuckey, Mrs. Pelling, and a visitor, Mrs. Mary Shergold, of Haleson Park Road, Hayling Island.

The fire was discovered by Constable Joseph Brooks, who brought three of the women from the top flat before the arrival of the fire brigade. He was found in a semi-conscious state, due to the smoke and heat.

## Constable's Story.

Describing the fire, Constable Brooks said: "I aroused the people by ringing the bells and shouting, and as I got through the door I saw an old lady who appeared to be stumbling down the stairs. She was bleeding from the mouth, and I caught hold of her and pulled her out. She was in her night attire and was in a state of collapse."

"I laid her on the pavement and put my cape around her. The basement door was red hot. I blew my whistle when I got outside."

"I went back into the house again, and on the stairs I saw two other ladies. They were also in their night attire and were nearly suffocated. I managed to get them outside and put my coat round them, as it was bitterly cold."

"I was nearly done for, but I ran back into the house and carried out another old lady who had been got down by some of the firemen. I don't remember much what happened afterwards."

"I think I collapsed, and I remember one of the firemen giving me first aid. But whatever are they making such a song about?"

Peking's foreign community was shocked to hear by cable of the death in Edinburgh of the popular Mr. James S. Hogg. Mr. Hogg, who was on leave in Scotland before returning to his duties as comptroller of the Peking Union Medical College, died from pneumonia on January 17.

## STORY OF A CHASE.

"BOOKMAKER'S RUNNER"  
IN COURT.

"WON ON ITS MERITS."

Police-constable Harold V. Yorke, who had been described as "a detective sent among detectives," was cross-examined when the hearing was continued at the Liverpool Police Court of the case in which allegations of bribery and conspiracy are made against ten ex-constables of the Liverpool Police Force and a bookmaker. The case for the prosecution was that bribes were paid to plain clothes policemen to induce them to refrain from doing their duty in suppressing street betting. All the charges were denied. The bookmaker is Thomas Campbell, of Bower Street, and Stanley Road, Liverpool.

The ex-policemen are: Francis Cranny, William Hodgson, William John Chappell, Walter Wilson, George Regius Roberts, Thomas Selby, John Stevens, William Richard Grounds, William Henry Harjld, and Stanley Harvey.

Special Instructions. Yorke alleged that having been sent on plain clothes duty, with special instructions that there was no need to be short of money "on this job," as "we have all the bookmakers in the division under our thumb."

Replying to Mr. E. G. Deery (for Hodgson, Chappell, Harold, and Cranny), Yorke said he refused to charge a street bookmaker whom Cranny had arrested because he personally had not seen the arrest and did not want to tell a lie. By his refusal he aroused other plain constables' suspicions. It was true that when Hodgson made the charge he (Yorke) corroborated Hodgson's evidence to a sergeant, but he would have refused to give evidence in court. "I told a lie to the sergeant, but I have told no lies on oath," he said.

Unburdened Himself. Mr. Deery: In spite of these suspicions, Hodgson unburdened himself to you?—Yes.

If you were to make up a conversation you could not imagine a better one from the prosecution's point of view than the one that you attribute to Hodgson?—I don't think I could.

It was a delightful synopsis of the whole alleged conspiracy?—It was exactly what took place so far as I could remember. Yorke denied that he had tempted any of the constables, but agreed that he told three of them, including Chappell that he knew where they could get "a nice drink of whisky" if they wanted one, and mentioned the house of a woman bookmaker.

A Dustman Disguise. Joseph Dunne, a bookmaker, of Doncaster Street, Liverpool, said that after one of his runners had been arrested and fined he saw Hodgson and Yorke in the street. Hodgson introduced Yorke to him as "the new man." Afterwards they all boarded a tramcar, and Hodgson said, "Smith, my runner, got off light." Witness said, "He did," as he had been fined only 25 for a second offence. He then gave Hodgson £1, and asked him to have a drink and to give Yorke a drink. Witness said (Continued on Next Column.)



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## ATTACK ON GAOL.

POLICE USE TEAR-GASES &  
BAYONETS.

LYNCHING EVASIED.

New York.—A man named Adolph Hotelling, of Flint, Michigan, narrowly escaped lynching after confessing that he had murdered and mutilated a 6-year-old girl, Dorothy Schneider. Warned by muttered threats of the tamper of the citizens, the police smuggled Hotelling to Lansing just before an infuriated mob of 10,000 persons attacked the gaol in Flint, overpowered the guards, and searched every cell.

The angry ringleaders tried to force the wardens to tell where Hotelling was hidden, whereupon the police threw tear-gases. Men in the crowd caught the bombs, however, before they burst and threw them back into the gaol, and pandemonium reigned until the arrival of militia with fixed bayonets.

## Elder of a Church.

Hotelling's crime is the more remarkable because he is a middle-aged man, an elder in a local church, is married, and is the father of five children. His explanation is that he was obsessed with the morbid details of the murder and mutilation of little Marion Parker in California. Kept awake at nights by thoughts of this atrocious crime, he finally had an insane "urge" to follow the example of William Hickman, Marion's murderer.

He picked little Dorothy up as she was leaving school, drove her to the woods, stabbed her to the heart, dismembered the body, and threw the parts into a river. When he attempted to drive off his motor-car became stuck in some mud, and a neighbouring farmer who helped him reported his suspicions to the police after the body had been found.

## Family's Faith.

Despite Hotelling's admission his family refuse to believe that he is guilty. One report states that the man was arrested because he boasted to some men at work near his home that he could supply information about the crime. It is also said that Dorothy Schneider's mother actually witnessed from her house the seizure of the child and her abduction in a motor-car.

never paid anything to a policeman before.

Mr. W. Clothier (prosecuting): How much had you paid in fines for your runners in the four years previous to that?—Over £100.

Mr. Deery: This £1 was just a generous gesture on your part to Hodgson because you were pleased your man got off so lightly?—Yes.

## Won By A Short Head:

James Joseph Smith, of Lamb Street, Liverpool, formerly a runner in the employ of Joseph Dunne, gave a description of his arrest for street betting on Oct. 25 last year. Police-constable Yorke, he said, looked like a dustman.

Mr. Clothier: Was he disguised?—Well, I should say he must have been. (Laughter).

Was Cranny disguised?—Oh, no; he was "well off" that day. He had on a blue suit and collar and tie.

Did anyone else join the party?—Yes, "Mumtaz" (a nickname for Hodgson).

Cross-examined by Mr. Deery, Smith, again referring to his arrest, said, "I ran for it, but Cranny jumped the wall to catch me, and won on his merits." (Laughter).

Mr. Deery: But he did not win in a canter?—No, by a short head. (Laughter).

You had taken the precaution, I believe, of putting your betting slips in a crevice in the wall?—Yes. It saves your pocket. (Laughter).

"Tainted And Very Slight."

At the end of the case for the prosecution, submissions were made on behalf of all the men charged that there was no case to answer.

Mr. J. H. Neville, for Roberts, Selby, Stevens, Grounds, and Harvey, referred to the evidence of George James Masters, formerly employed by Campbell. "If his story is true, he is an accomplice," Mr. Neville said, and submitted that on "this tainted and very slight evidence," no jury would convict, and it was unfair to put these men to further serious expense.

Mr. L. B. Phillips (the magistrate) held that there was a case to answer.

The men were formally charged, and pleaded not guilty and reserved their defence. The commitment for trial and the question of fixing further bail were postponed.

The police-court hearing of the case took eighteen days.

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### NO DECISION.

#### Cotton Employers And Operatives.

##### WAGES AND HOURS.

Employees Do Not Favour Inquiry Into Production Costs.

London, Yesterday. The joint conference of cotton employers and operatives' leaders at Manchester, after a discussion of four hours was adjourned until Monday without a decision.

An official statement says the Operatives' representatives handed the employers a note regretting the latter did not favour establishment of a statutory committee to enquire into the position of the industry, declaring that neither the wages paid nor the 48-hour week are causes of the unsatisfactory state of the industry. The real causes are to be found elsewhere. An independent and impartial inquiry is most likely correctly to diagnose the causes.

The operatives cannot agree to the employers' proposals to appoint a committee of 12 representatives on each side to consider the factors of the cost of production of yarn and cloth and report within a month how production costs can be reduced so as to secure a greater volume of trade.

The employers reply pointed out that they had definitely withdrawn specific recommendations as to the reduction of wages and the increase in hours, but had not withdrawn the questions of investigating the effect of the present wages and hours upon their competitive power. The employers would collaborate with the operatives in ascertaining any facts mutually agreed to be germane to the questions.

The conference was adjourned to enable the operatives' representatives to consider the employers' last proposal.—Reuter.

### AT BERLIN.

#### New British Minister Mentioned.

##### SIR HORACE RUMBOLD.

Varied Career As Diplomat In Europe.

Berlin, Yesterday. The British Government has asked the German Government to approve the appointment of Sir Horace Rumbold as Ambassador at Berlin.—Reuter.

The Right Hon. Sir Horace George Montagu Rumbold, the ninth Baronet, has been British Ambassador at Madrid since 1924. He was born on Feb. 5, 1869, the eldest son of Right Hon. Sir Horace Rumbold, and Caroline, daughter of George Harrington, United States Minister at Bern. He was educated at Eton.

He was appointed in turn to Teheran, Vienna, Cairo, Madrid; Charge d'Affaires at Munich, 1908; Councillor of Embassy, Tokyo, 1909-13; Charge d'Affaires at Tokyo, 1909-13; Councillor of Embassy, Berlin, 1913; Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, 1914; left Berlin on declaration of war and was employed in the Foreign Office; British Minister, Switzerland, 1916-19; Republic of Poland, 1919-20; British High Commissioner and Ambassador at Constantinople, 1920-24; was second British Plenipotentiary at the Lausanne Conference, Nov. 1922-February, 1923, and Chief Delegate at the resumed Conference April-July, 1923; signed the Lausanne Treaty on behalf of the British Empire, July 24, 1923.

### PRINCE HENRY.

#### LEG INJURED WHILE RIDING.

London, Yesterday. Prince Henry while hunting in



Leicester was thrown from his horse. One leg was injured.—British Wireless Service.

### COASTAL CHANGES.

#### MOVEMENTS IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Captain J. Pringle, of the "Wuchang" is on reserve. Captain H. Gifford, from Home leave, has gone master, "Wuchang."

Mr. G. S. Arthur, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Fatshan."

Mr. L. D. Johnson, third engineer, "Kinyuan," is on reserve.

Mr. T. A. Orde, third engineer, "Hupei," is on reserve.

Mr. A. B. Brown, third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone third engineer, "Hupei."

Mr. J. Cronby, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Linnan."

Mr. D. Ruxton, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Kinyuan."

Mr. R. H. MacLean, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. A. C. Lemercier, from reserve, has gone sup'y second engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. H. A. Morrison, chief engineer, "Chekiang," has gone chief engineer, "Kiating."

Mr. R. K. Burns, sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief engineer, "Chekiang."

Mr. P. H. Todd, second engineer, "Szechuen," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Sinclair, chief officer, "Mingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. B. Stewart, second officer, "Mingsang," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. R. G. Gillespie, second officer, "Suifu," has gone second officer, "Mingsang."

Mr. R. W. Draney, sup'y second officer, "Loongwo," has gone second officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. A. E. Smith, second officer, "Kutwo," has resigned.

Mr. M. Hull, chief engineer, "Yusang," has gone chief engineer, "Mingsang."

Mr. J. W. Lawson, chief engineer, "Mingsang," has gone chief engineer, "Yusang."

Mr. J. D. Carnie, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Fausang."

Mr. A. J. Begley, chief engineer, "Fausang," has gone chief engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. D. Smith, chief engineer, "Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. R. A. Young, chief officer, "Haikwang," is on reserve.

Mr. C. H. Calder, chief officer, "Fukwang," has gone chief officer, "Haikwang."

### APOCRYPHAL.

#### Sir A. Chamberlain And Cavell Film.

##### "OUTRAGE ON HUMANITY."

Picture Of Execution A Slur On Notable Woman's Memory.

London, Yesterday. The Cavell film was brought up in the House of Commons at question time. Mr. L. M. S. Amery said it had not been proposed and they had not been requested to communicate with the Governments of the Dominions or any part of the Empire regarding the exhibition of the Cavell film.

Sir A. Chamberlain quoted a report from the Government technical adviser who received from the producer a description of the execution scene in which a member of the firing party who refuses to level his rifle is shot dead and the remainder fire above Nurse Cavell's head. Miss Cavell faints, upon which the officer advances and despatches her.

Sir A. Chamberlain added: "I believe that account of the execution is wholly apocryphal. I feel it an outrage on a noble woman's memory to turn to the purposes of commercial profit so heroic a story."

Replying to supplementary questions regarding measures to prevent a repetition of the unfortunate controversy, Sir A. Chamberlain said: "I am not dealing with the general censorship of films. I am speaking as an English gentleman about what I think an outrage on Humanity." (Cheers).

Producer's Reply. Mr. Wilson, the producer of the film "Dawn," in reply to Sir A. Chamberlain, states the scenes as detailed by Sir A. Chamberlain do not form part of the film nor were ever taken.

He says the actual shooting of a soldier who refused to fire and the shooting of Nurse Cavell by an officer is not shown but merely indicated. He declares that no Government official in any capacity has seen the film. He adds he has arranged to show the film privately in Berlin next week.—Reuter.

### THE "ALL CLEAR."

#### WHY RUSSIAN SHIP SIGNALLED.

##### "ALCANTARA" ECHO.

London, Yesterday.

A mysterious "all clear" signal in connection with the sinking of the "Alcantara" is explained by Friedman, captain of the "Tovarisich," in an interview at Southampton. He declared the steamer "Baron Douglas" came alongside in response to an S.O.S. When told that the "Tovarisich" was not in immediate danger but perhaps some of the crew of the other vessel were in the water, the "Baron Douglas" went off, presumably to render assistance. Then more wireless messages were received, to which the "Tovarisich" replied "all clear," meaning as regards herself, but broadcast to all stations giving the place of the collision and stating that men might be in the water. The "Tovarisich," being a sailing ship, was unable to manoeuvre and stand by the other vessel, but lowered her boats immediately and she took half an hour to slow up and launch them.—Reuter.

### DIFFERENT VIEWS.

#### MR. PURCELL NOT A SOVIETOPHILE.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

At the conclusion of his official visit, representing the British Trade Union Movement, Mr. A. Purcell, M.P., who has formerly regarded as a Sovietophile, addressed the Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress and said that as Russian organisations were consistently interfering with the work of other national movements, it was time they "fell out" with the Russian movement and "fell in" with the rest of the world.—Reuter.

### TELEVISION.

#### USED TO BROADCAST AN ADVERTISEMENT.

New York, Yesterday. Television was used for commercial purposes in connection with the public issue of the Buenos Aires loan, a quarter-page advertisement regarding which was "Televised" and appears in the newspapers.

The event is also interesting as foreshadowing a probable future syndication of bonds issued by American syndicates which hitherto have reserved portions of the issues for separate offerings by European houses.—Reuter's American Service.

### TO-PANAMA CANAL.

#### THE FIRST NON-STOP FLIGHT.

Washington, Yesterday. The first attempted non-stop flight by airship to the Panama Canal is being made by the "Los Angeles," which left Lakehurst, New Jersey, en route to Cuba, where it will be tied up to the mooring-mast of the tender "Patoka" prior to proceeding to the Canal.—Reuter's American Service.

### HINKLER'S FLIGHT.

#### AIRMAN REACHES HOME TOWN.

Sydney, Yesterday. Hinkler landed in his home town, Bundaberg, at 4.15 this morning, thus completing his flight from London.—Reuter.

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